

Home Group Questions

The week of 12/15/2019

Various Scriptures

IMMANUEL!

GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday, Pastor Mel spoke on Christmas and the amazing truth that in Jesus, we know that God is with us! That concept is best capsulized in the name "Immanuel" which was the name that God revealed through the prophet Isaiah 700 years before the birth of Christ.

LOOKING IN THE WORD...

1. Read Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:18-25. Discuss these verses and why this concept of "God With Us" is so vital to the story of redemption. What to you are the implications of each of these three Words? How does this concept speak to the uniqueness of the Christian message, and the uniqueness of the plan of salvation when it comes to the extent to which our Creator would go to redeem us?

2. Read John 1:1-14, John 8:58, John 10:30 and John 20:28. **The doctrine of the deity of Christ (GOD with us) is so very vital to the worthiness of the Lamb of God.**

Discuss the way in which we need to be able to defend the deity of Christ. What are some implications in the salvation process of those groups and religions that deny the deity of Christ? What are other verses that may come to mind that help support the fact that Jesus is God and worthy to take the sins of the entire world upon Himself?

3. Discuss the following chart. The fact that God is with us reminds us that in Him we have absolute truth. Pastor Mel shared the "Five Solas" of the Reformation that fueled the Protestant movement in the 1500's. Discuss the chart so that these five "Solas" and what they communicate are clear to everyone in the group.



4. Read Romans 5:1-12 as well as Romans 8:28-32. How do these passages remind us of the powerful implications that God is with "US"!!?

What are the wonderful truths of these verses that help us to understand the extent to which God loves us and the ways in which God is for us in the details and challenges of every day life?

MOVING FORWARD...

Share how you are celebrating Christmas, and various traditions that you may incorporate into Christmas that helps to put Christ at the center of your Christmas celebration. Pray for those who may come to our church this Christmas season that do not know Christ. Thank the Lord for the amazing truth that "He is with us!!"