

Advent Series #3

“Immanuel”

Text: Matthew 1:18-25, Isaiah 9:1-2, Ephesians 1:15-18, Romans 15:4

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Immanuel – God With Us

Hope that **God** is with us in the **darkness**. (Isaiah 9:1-2)

The presence of **darkness** threatens our **hope**. (Ephesians 1:15-18)

God’s **presence** has **come** to give us hope. (Matthew 1:19-21)

At the heart of **Christmas** is hope. (Romans 15:4, Hebrews 10:23)

Next Week

Series: Advent #4

Title: “The Day Has Finally Arrived”

Text: Luke 2:1-18

Discussion Questions: How did you feel when the day finally arrived for something you were excited about? Perhaps your wedding, a special trip, a reunion with those we love, or the adoption of a child who would become part of the family? The anticipation of for Israel involved war, persecution, slavery, the loss of land, and total darkness. Today, tell someone the Christmas story from Luke 2 and ask them if they believe it.

December Verse of the Month:

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

-Isaiah 9:6