



INCARNATION

GO FURTHER | DECEMBER 12 | EMMANUEL

START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- What is your favorite Christmas goodie that you could eat all year long?
- Which of the titles for Jesus do you resonate with so far: King, Messiah or Emmanuel? Why?

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- King Ahaz lived centuries before Jesus and resisted Isaiah trying to help him follow God's preferred path.
- Read Isaiah 7:10-16
- What words or phrases stand out to you?
- Ahaz let his own pride get in the way of God helping him. How does our own pride and decisions get in the way of God helping us?
- Ahaz was not accustomed to trusting God's promises. How do we learn to listen to and to heed the voice of Emmanuel, God with us?

START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- Read Matthew 1:20-23
- What words or phrases stand out to you?
- Joseph's life fell entirely apart and he found himself in a dark place. Even righteous people can find themselves in moments of darkness and despair.
- If you are comfortable, share a moment you found yourself in darkness. How did God help you through it?
- In darkness, we don't need answers, we need someone. God comes to Joseph in a dream. How has Jesus come to you, made himself known in your life?

START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Emmanuel, God with us, whether we are in a moment of light or darkness, may we be assured of your presence right beside us. Each day, through prayer and Scripture and the community of other believers, may we learn to hear your voice and to trust and to follow your promises in every area of our lives. In our resurrected Savior's name we pray, Amen.

START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- For more on Emmanuel, check out this 5-day devotional: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/28855-emmanuel-god-with-us-comfort-for-a-lonely-world>