

# Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Immanuel: God with Us

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Message: The Promise of Hope

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Memory Verse: Matthew 1:21 NIV

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.

*The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word to lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.*

**Big Idea:** God is faithful to keep His promises by providing Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

## Read Matthew 1:1-17

1. Advent is a season of anticipation. What is your heart like as you enter this season? What might you need to surrender to fully embrace the hope of Christ?
2. Matthew emphasizes that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises to Abraham and David. What promises of God do you hold onto, especially during seasons of waiting or uncertainty? How does Advent—a season of waiting for Jesus—connect with the waiting or anticipation you're experiencing in your own life? How can you be a source of hope to others who are also in a season of waiting?
3. Jesus is called the "Son of David." How does knowing that Jesus is the promised King shape your understanding of His authority and your role as His follower? How can you live in a way that reflects Jesus' reign as King in your life, especially in how you make decisions or interact with others?



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4. The genealogy emphasizes the importance of God's plan being fulfilled across time. How does this perspective on time help you when you're waiting for God to act in your life? Where in your life do you need to trust that God is working, even when you can't see the full picture yet?
5. The genealogy shows God's faithfulness over generations. What specific moments come to mind when you consider God's long-term faithfulness in your life? How could you pass down the story of God's faithfulness to the next generation or to those around you? Are you trusting God to fulfill any of His promises in future generations of your family?
6. Many individuals in Jesus' genealogy had messy or broken stories. Reflect on your own life. How has God redeemed areas of brokenness or imperfection to display His grace? How can you share these stories to encourage someone struggling in the same ways you did?
7. The inclusion of unlikely individuals in Jesus' lineage shows that God's grace is available to all. Who in your life needs to hear this truth, and how can you share it with them? How can your own story of brokenness and restoration through Jesus be a testimony to someone who doesn't yet know Him?
8. Abraham, Rahab, and Ruth were Gentiles included in Jesus' genealogy. What does this reveal about God's heart for people beyond Israel, and how does it challenge us to think about the inclusivity of the gospel? Who in your life or community might feel excluded from God's love or the church? What practical steps can you take to embody God's inclusive love to them?



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