

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Immanuel: God with Us

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Message: The Miracle of Jesus' Birth

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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: Jesus was born fully God and fully human

Read Matthew 1:18-25

1. Joseph initially planned to act one way based on his understanding, but he had a dream that redirected him. How do you discern when God is redirecting your plans today? How can we cultivate a life of faith and attentiveness to God's guidance in all forms—through His Word, the Holy Spirit, or other means?
2. Dreams were one way God communicated in biblical times. What are other ways God communicated in the Bible, and how do you see Him communicating with us today? How does Scripture and the counsel of other believers help you confirm whether something is a message from God? In what ways have you experienced God speaking to you personally, whether through Scripture, prayer, circumstances, or other means?



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3. The angel told Joseph not to fear taking Mary as his wife. What fears are holding you back from fully embracing God's call in your life? How can you address those fears in faith?
4. God did not give Joseph the details for His entire plan. He just gave him the next thing he should do. How are you at trusting God for what you need one step at a time? When in your life have you hesitated to follow God because you did not feel as though you had enough information?
5. The virgin birth is a supernatural event. How does this miraculous event point to the unique nature of Jesus Christ? How do you reconcile the mystery of the virgin birth with your own faith? What role does faith play in understanding the unexplainable?
6. How can you share the good news of Jesus Christ with others, especially those who may be skeptical or resistant to claims like a virgin birth?
7. The name Immanuel reminds us that God is with us. How does the reality of God's presence comfort or challenge you in your daily life? What are practical ways you can embody the presence of "God with us" to others this week, especially during a time of need or uncertainty?
8. Mary and Joseph's faith and obedience were instrumental in God's plan. What role do you think God wants you to play in His redemptive story, and how can you step into that calling?



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