

The Glory of Christmas
“God is with Us”
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Big Idea: God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things when we trust Him.

Remember Verse: Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. **Galatians 6:9 (NIV)**

Who is Jesus to you in your life?

(Old Testament)

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

(New Testament)

Matthew 1:22-23

Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which means, “God with us.”

Origin of Immanuel

From Hebrew: ‘immānū’ēl “**God is with us**”

The Meaning of the Word: “Emmanuel”

The word “Emmanuel” comes from the Greek rendering of two Hebrew words, ‘immanu, “with us,” and ‘el, “**God**”

1. God is with us in our rejoicing.

Philippians 4:4 (NIV)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Luke 2:8-14 (NIV)

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

2. God is with us in our hurting.

Psalm 34:18 (NIV)

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 46:1(NIV)

God is our refuge and strength, and ever-present help in trouble.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

3. God is with us in our healing.

Psalm 147:3 (NIV)

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Psalm 91:1-2 (NIV)

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress my God, in whom I trust."

Jeremiah 17:14 (NIV)

"Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise."

Jerimiah 30:17 (NIV)

"But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,' declares the LORD."

Romans 10:9 (NIV)

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

John 3:16-17 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

➤ Who is Jesus to you in your life?

Next right steps:

1. Believe and accept in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord
2. Recommit your life to Jesus and let him guide you in your rejoicing, hurting, and healing.
3. Invite someone to join our Cornerstone Family every Sunday at 9:15am and 11:00am.