



14 ...the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us'. Isaiah 7:14 (NLT)

■ The substance we need comes from - God with us.

21 And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

22 All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:

23 "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

Matthew 1:18-23 (NLT)

3 ...God is the Father who is full of mercy and all comfort. 2 Corinthians 1:3 (NCV)

God with Us means:

■ God came looking for you.

10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10 (NIV)

10 For the Son of Man came to find and restore the lost." Luke 19:10 (MSG)

■ God's love is bigger than we understand.

38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.

Romans 8:38 (NLT)

4 Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, 5 he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did all this on his own, with no help from us! Ephesians 2:4-5 (MSG)

16 "For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NLT)

■ God cares about what we're going through.

28 ... "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Luke 1:28 (NIV)

• God is never unaware of our circumstances
7 Let him have all your worries and cares, for he is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you. 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

• God's bigger than your circumstances.

• God's greater than your pain.

■ We are never alone.

...I'm never out of your sight... I look behind me and you're there, then up ahead and you're there too – your reassuring presence, coming and going. Psalms 139:4-5 (MSG)

20 ...And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:20 (NIV)

Because God is with you:

■ Make every effort to be with Him.

6 Do not worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand... Philipians 4:6-7 (NLT)

10 Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

God is with us:

■ To give substance to your life.

■ So you're never alone.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4 (ESV)

■ To give us hope.

18 The Lord is there to rescue all who are discouraged and have given up hope. Psalms 34:18 (NIV)

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Here are some questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for your personal time with God.

- What spoke most to you from Sundays Talk? Explain.
- How does God with us, give our lives substance? What does that mean to you?
- Do you feel more valued knowing that God came looking for you? Why?
- How does God with us demonstrate that He cares about what we are going through?
- Why is it important that we understand that we are never alone?
- How do we make every effort to be with God? How do we connect with Him in ways that He wants to connect with us?
- How does God give your life strength and substance?
- How does God with us give us hope?

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