

# Let's Adore Him: God is With Us

## ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

If you could spend Christmas anywhere in the world, where would it be?  
And Why?

## WORD

### **Isaiah 7:14**

*14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*

### **Matthew 1:18-25**

*18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 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." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.*

We are starting our new series "Let`s Adore Him." This Christmas series looks at prophetic songs of worship and adoration of Christ in the Old testament, and songs and prayers sung in the wake of the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies in the New testament.

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Adoring Him means to deeply love Jesus, honor Jesus. worship Him with awe and reverence; and it`s a heartfelt response to who Jesus is. We adore Him simply because of all the things that He has done for you and for me.He is our Savior and Messiah, He fulfilled God`s promises and brought salvation to all of us and to the whole world. OLD TESTAMENT: A GIFT IS PROMISED: a prophecy was promised, a gift was promised. NEW TESTAMENT, THE GIFT ARRIVES: The prophecy was fulfilled, the gift arrives.

## DISCUSSION

How does understanding who Jesus is ( His love, sacrifice, and majesty) inspire deeper adoration in your heart?

## WORD

Knowing that God is with us, how does it affect our adoration to Jesus Christ?

### 1. Deepened Worship

Knowing that God is with us through Jesus leads us to a deeper, more intimate form of worship. We are no longer adoring a distant God but a present and personal Saviour who is actively involved in our lives. Once we truly grasp the idea of God is with us. It changes our adoration, our worship from distant admiration to intimate adoration.

### 2. Living in Obedience and Trust

Adoration involves more than words; it is expressed in our obedience to His will and trust in His guidance. Recognizing His presence motivates us to live lives that honors Him daily. Learning how to ride a bike when you were young with your parents is the same thing with God. The parents assure their child that they are with them and in turn they learned how to obey and trust their parents. Living in obedience and trust to God is similar. At times we are unsure or afraid of what lies ahead. Just like Joseph in the scripture that we read. Obeying God and trusting God is our response as adoration to Him knowing that God is with us. Joseph`s story reflects the same truth as us when we were learning how to ride a bike. Just like us keep

pedalling because we know that our parents are near, Joseph was able to move forward in this situation because he trusted God was with him every single step of the way. Obedience and trust are possible only because of God's presence in our lives.

### 3. Sharing the gift to Others

True adoration inspires action. Just as God chose to dwell with us, we are called to reflect His love by sharing the joy and hope of His presence with others. Through our lives, we point others to Him.

## DISCUSSION

How does Joseph's obedience to God's plan challenge or encourage you to trust God in difficult or unexpected situations?

## LIFE APPLICATION

This Christmas, let's share the greatest gift that we all have. Share the good news that God is with us. The promise of God being "with us" offers us hope in every situation that we need. Knowing that God is with us, it can give us hope like it gave to the Israelites when the prophecy was foretold.

## DISCUSSION

How does the prophecy of Immanuel "God is with us" in verse 23 give you comfort or confidence in your daily life?

## VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

*Matthew 1:23 ESV*

*23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us")*

## **PRAYER**

*Share your prayer request and answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.*



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