

“GOD WITH US”

12-18-16

Matthew 1:18-25

Do you have trouble acknowledging, “God is with us”?

“*Do Not be Afraid*”—the situation of Joseph and Mary.

1. THE GREATEST _____ OF ALL

➤ _____ is found in Jesus Christ. (vs. 21)

vs. 22-23: taken from *Isaiah 7:14*

➤ God is _____ in our lives

Do you see God’s hand at work in your life?

Joseph’s Response

- Shows ultimate _____

➤ Joseph and Mary are True Models of _____

Are you ready to be used by God?

2. GOD WITH _____

➤ The Son of God came as a _____

Matthew 28:19-20

➤ “*God With Us*” can be _____ to see at times.

Psalms 139:7-12; Ps. 23:4

➤ H.C. Q&A #1: The Greatest _____ and _____ we can have.

True Reason for the Season

GOD WITH US

Read & Reflect together as a family on the Word this week:

Matthew 1:1-17

1. Why do you think Matthew includes all these names at the beginning of his book?
2. In this genealogy, we see it starts with Abraham, goes to David, and then all the way to Christ. Have you looked at your family tree? How far back have you gone and why is it important?

Matthew 2:13-15

1. What do we learn about faith from Joseph in this passage and from Matthew 1:18-25?
2. If you were in Joseph's situation, how hard would it be for you to go to another land to hide?

Matthew 28:16-20

1. Vs. 20—Jesus says, “I am with you always”. What are you willing to do differently today knowing this?
2. Matthew starts and ends with “God with His People”, how does this make you feel?

Luke 1:26-38

1. What differences do you see here compared to Matthew 1:18-25?
2. Why do you think Matthew shares Joseph's perspective and Luke shares Mary's perspective?

How have you experienced Jesus as “Immanuel” in your life recently?

What are ways in which you can share this with others?