



GOD WITH US
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Experiencing the Promise

Isaiah 7:1-14

The Background and Challenge

Isaiah 6:1, 3, 5, 8

The Situation of Fear

Isaiah 7:1-2

Ahaz

The Situation of God's Protection

Isaiah 7:3-8

Shear-Jashub

The Life that God Desires from Us

Isaiah 7:9

The Specific Request of Ahaz

Isaiah 7:10-12

The Response of the Miraculous

Isaiah 7:13-14

a sign

the virgin with a son

Immanuel

Personal Application

Make sure we are worshipping

Make sure we are growing

Make sure we are confessing

Next Steps

- This week I'll evaluate the level of worship I give God in my daily life, not just with others at church.
- I will memorize 1 Peter 5:7 and prayerfully apply it; remembering that God cares for me.
- I'll seek to grow closer to God through Christ by telling Him about my life and seeking to be more like Him.



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Daily Devotional Plan – Promises about Christ from the Bible

Day 1 – Isaiah 9:6

Day 2 – John 1:1-18

Day 3 – Romans 7:7-8:4

Day 4 – Romans 8:28-39

Day 5 – Ephesians 1:1-14

Day 6 – Hebrews 7:11-28

Day 7 – 1 John 1:1-10

To go deeper: Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper/journal/laptop/etc.:

- What did you hear? (*What did God say to you as you read the Scriptures for the day?*)
- What do you think? (*What does it mean to you, how does it apply to your life, and what difference will it make to you?*)
- What will you do? (*What action step will you take? How will you think differently? How will you live differently?*)
- Now talk to God (*Put your thoughts into prayer. It could be a prayer of gratitude or praise. It could be a prayer of confession or a request for God's help. It's up to you. But take a minute each day to write a prayer response to what you read in the Scriptures.*)

LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS November 30, 2014

Lesson Aim: To grow in the awareness of God's promises to us that He is with us always. To continue growing in our worship of Him daily.

Ice-breaker: What is something that you are really thankful for this holiday season?

1. **Read Isaiah 7:1-4.** Isaiah was instructed by the Lord to take a message to Ahaz that would warn him while advising him to stay calm and to not be afraid. Name a time in your life when you were warned not to do something, but did it anyway.
2. Fear is something that we all deal with. The Bible has the phrase "Fear Not" or "Do Not Be Afraid" about 365 times throughout scripture, so obviously God knew that fear and anxiety would be a major factor and possible setback to his children. What is something that you currently fear in your life that your group can pray about?
3. **Read 1 Chronicles 28:20; Isaiah 41:13; Luke 2:10; John 14:27.** What are the common threads in these scriptures? Why do you think that in spite of the continual promise from God that we do not need to be afraid, we are?
4. 1 Peter 5:7 says to cast all of your anxieties on Him because he cares for you. When you look at your daily life, what are some areas that you need to turn over to God to be able to worship him more completely?
5. **Read Isaiah 7:10-12.** God wants us to be in communication with Him, to make our requests and needs known, and to prove that he is always with us. Why do you think that Ahaz declined the Lord's request? What was the promise that God provided anyway?
6. Isaiah 7:14 (NIV) "*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*" This fulfilled promise with Jesus Christ provided us a way to grow closer to God in all that we do. What are some areas that you have seen personal spiritual growth in this past year?
7. When you look at your own daily life, what are some areas that you can work on that will better reflect the worship of our living God?
8. We are called to live a life reflecting holiness, love, sacrifice and worship with Jesus Christ, our Immanuel. What are some things that you feel God is asking you to talk to Him about regarding your worship and daily walk with Him?