



Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What is your favorite thing to do on Christmas Day?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Please read the stories about the birth of Christ in every gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). What's different about each gospel?
3. What does "Immanuel" mean to you?
 - a. Do you think people really understand the ramifications of "God with us?"
 - b. How does the truth of Immanuel change your perspective of life?
 - c. In what ways does it impact your thinking?
4. Please read John 1:1-14. Compare it with Colossians 1:15-20.
 - a. Who is Jesus according to these verses?
 - b. Does this change your view of Christmas?
5. What are some Old Testament prophecies about the birth of Jesus Christ? Where are they found?
6. In the Old Testament, you see an anticipation and hope for a coming Messiah. What hope do you have in your life?



- a. What one thing are you hoping for that will change your life in the coming year?

- b. What would be your prayer?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Christmas is about the birth of Jesus Christ...who changed our world.
- This cradle, feeding trough, manger was a place for animals to eat. It undoubtedly had a smell to it.
- The message of Christmas starts with God's willingness to meet us at the place that others would find offensive.
- Nothing and nobody can satisfy you like Jesus.
- The cradle in the dirt demonstrates God's desire to live with us.
- God is not intimidated by your mess, or smell, or chaos.