

## **CHRISTMAS SEASON LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION**

*One discussion guide for December, so pace yourself...*

### **INTRODUCTION**

The simple message of Christmas is the retelling of Jesus' physical birth, reminding us that God made an entrance into the human experience. Emmanuel is one of the names of Jesus, meaning 'God *with us*'. Another of Jesus' names was 'Son of Man', indicating that while Jesus was God, he also became human.

Matthew 1:18-2:12 and Luke 2:1-20 are the traditional accounts of Jesus' birth. These are the go-to passages when we think of the Christmas season. They summarize the angelic announcements to Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the wise men. They talk of the location of the birth and help us paint a mental picture of the nativity scene that we have become so familiar with.

However, for your LifeGroup discussions you may want to broaden your Bible reading to include some of the lesser-highlighted scriptures that will help stimulate some further discussion on the topic of Jesus' incarnation.

Take some time and discuss each of these scriptures in terms of their connection to the Christmas event. Some of these verses we may not have even thought of related to the birth of Jesus at Christmas time, but each one of them give us a greater understanding of who Jesus really is.

1. Read John 1:1-14
2. Read Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7
3. Read Galatians 4:4-7
4. Read Colossians 1:15-18
5. Read Hebrews 1:1-3
6. Read Philippians 2:6-8

### **PRAYER**

*A prayer: "Dear God, help me to more fully grasp the concept of Jesus coming. Thank you for making provision for me to know you and to experience your hope and peace in my life. Amen."*