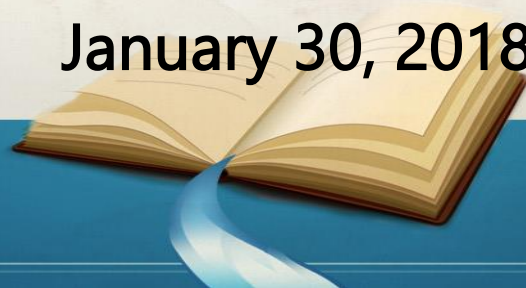


Who is God, Really?

A Study of the Names of God in Scripture

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God Is



Immanuel



Isaiah 7



**We shake hands with
the enemy instead
of believing the promises
of God.**



Discussion:
**What situation won't change
in your life because you
continue to rely on others
instead of God?**



**Immanuel means
God is with us**



Emmanuel



“El” means strong one, mighty one. Inherent in the meaning of Immanuel is strong and mighty. The God who is strong and mighty is with us.



Exodus 15:2



Our strong God, who is Immanuel. God with us shows up, defends us and saves us. Therefore, our response is to give him praise.



Omnipresent

**God is everywhere all
at the same time.**



Omniscient

God Is All Knowing



Psalm 139



**We won't truly know God
as Immanuel until we
personally need him.**



**God is intimately involved
in our lives and situations.**



Discussion:

If God being with us is a part of his nature and God promises to be with us, why is it that one of the first things we question in hard times is his presence? God, where are you?



Matthew 1:18-24



Incarnation

**A person who embodies
in the flesh a deity, spirit,
or abstract quality.**



**Incarnation is the "what"
- God became flesh.**

The "how" - is the virgin birth.



Immanuel does not get any more literal or real than the personhood of Jesus... Jesus was literally God WITH us.



While Isaiah's prophecy meant something for Ahaz's current situation, the birth of Immanuel to the virgin Mary was the total fulfillment of the prophecy.



**He came to earth because
he wanted us to know
him more fully.**



Romans 6:23



Galatians 4:4-5



Discussion:

What is your response to God showing up for you in this way?



If being with us, by coming in the flesh in the person of Jesus wasn't close enough, he came closer than what is humanly possible and resides in our hearts. "El" is in you.



Discussion:

How can you better receive
the truth that God is Immanuel
in your life?

