



## Sermon Notes: His Name Is Immanuel

### 1. What does this name mean?

- Immanuel = “God with us”

### 2. How is this name demonstrated?

- a. From the beginning, Immanuel made you to know Him.
- b. But sin is a barrier between you and Immanuel.
- c. So Immanuel came and made a way to be with you.

### 3. How is this name demonstrated in Jesus?

- a. In Jesus, we have the literal, physical, tangible presence of God.
- b. In Jesus, we have a restored relationship with God.
- c. In Jesus, we have the promise of God’s Spirit.
- d. In Jesus, we have the hope of being with God forever.

### 4. What does this name mean for me?

- a. Draw near to God’s presence.
- b. Depend on God’s presence.
- c. Delight in God’s presence.



## Application Questions: His Name Is Immanuel

1. How did you sense the Lordship of Christ this week? (How did you sense your need for total dependence, or complete surrender of your will, or something else?) How did you respond?
2. What did you know about the name Immanuel (or Emmanuel) before this week's message? Outside of the Christmas Story, what did you think of this name or what did you associate it with (if anything)?
3. If you were trying to explain to a secular friend how/why our sin separates us from God, what are some ways you might illustrate the holiness of God? What are some ways you might illustrate the seriousness of even a single sin?
4. If you can reach a god by your own performance, what kind of god have you reached? ["That kind of god might be \_\_\_\_\_, but it can't be \_\_\_\_\_."]
5. What changed in God's relationship to Israel that He was able not only to go *before* them, but also to put His presence *in their midst*? To what did this change ultimately point?
6. According to Exodus 33:16, what makes God's people distinct from every other people on earth? When others (other religions, other worldviews) look at the Church today, what, if anything, do you think they would say makes God's people distinct?
7. What are some ways the Church could get back to the heart of Exodus 33:16? What are some ways you'd recognize that in a typical week of Christians' lives?
8. Thinking specifically of *Jesus* as Immanuel, how does the historic/theological context of this message give you a greater appreciation for what "God with us" signifies?
9. What would you say to a Christian friend who says, "*Lately I've felt like God is 1,000,000 miles away; I feel like He's not listening to my prayers - and I'm not hearing anything from Him*"?
10. What are some practical ways you can draw near to God? How are these different than merely *being* near to God? [What's different about your intentions, motivations, emotions, etc.?:]
11. What's something in your life that you naturally seek out to delight in? What makes that thing a delight to you? What can you learn from this that applies to your relationship with God?
12. What one thing do you need to do this week in light of knowing God as Immanuel?