

# CHRISTMAS

AT TRADERS POINT



## MESSAGE REVIEW

Around this time of year, and especially in the midst of our present circumstances, it can be so easy to feel alone. Jesus came to show us that we're not alone. He came to fulfill God's promises, accomplishing prophecies that were spoken hundreds of years before His birth. He is called Immanuel. He is God with us. When we feel alone, we can take comfort in knowing that He's present, and we can draw near to Him.

## WARM UP QUESTION

What is the best hiding spot you have ever had for hide and seek?

**1** Read Luke 1:26-35. Luke mentions that Joseph is a descendent of King David. Why is that significant to God's promise of the Messiah to come? What emotions does Mary feel at the beginning of this encounter with the angel? How does the angel comfort her?

**2** The process of Jesus' conception is unique to say the least. How does Mary respond to the angel's message? After the initial shock, look back at verses 31-33 and also verse 35. How do you think a Jewish audience heard these words? When might you hear God's words to you through a biased lens or from preconceived notions?

**3** Read Matthew 1:18-23. Put yourself in Joseph's shoes. How does God show up in his loneliness and confusion to confirm what He has done through Mary? What does the name "Jesus" mean? Read Isaiah 7:14 and compare it with Matthew 1:23. What does "Immanuel" mean? How is His name both Jesus and Immanuel? When have you experienced God being with you and for you? How do you need to experience that now?

**4** If these promises are fulfilled in Jesus, what does that mean for us today? If God is with us in the person of Jesus Christ and if Jesus Christ has fulfilled the Messianic promises, how should we respond to Jesus? What is your next step based on that response?

**5** Read Matthew 28:18-20. What role do all disciples of Jesus now have? How long will Jesus be our Immanuel? What are you doing – or what do you need to do – to get closer to Him?

## RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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