

Growing PRAISE

EVERY NIGHT...EVERY HOME...THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE

16 — 22 December 2018

VERSE of the week: Matthew 1:23

***“Look! The virgin will conceive a child!
She will give birth to a son,
and they will call him Immanuel,
which means ‘God is with us.’”***

TABLE GRACE

(tune - Rock Around the Clock)

God is GREAT! God is GOOD!
And we thank him for our food,
Gonna thank him
in the morning noon and night,
Gonna thank the Lord
He's outta sight!
Amen Amen Amen Amen Amen!

5 POINT CHECK UP

1. Share your highs (good times) and lows (bad times)
2. Read a verse from the Bible.
3. What do you find “best” in the text? What is most confusing or hard to understand? What does God want you to do ?
4. Pray for one another (**P**raise God, **T**hank Jesus, **A**sk the Holy Spirit).
5. Bless one another.

THOUGHT for the week:

“The child asks of the Father whom he knows. Thus, the essence of Christian prayer is not general adoration, but definite, concrete petition. The right way to approach God is to stretch out our hands & ask of One who we know has the heart of a Father.”
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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let's TALK

1. Gather in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Share your highs/lows. Read Isaiah 9:2-7 & Matthew 1:18-25. What strikes you as you read?
2. What sort of conversations do you think Joseph & Mary had during the first year of their marriage while they waited for "the baby?"
3. **What do the names Jesus & Immanuel tell us about God's plan for us? What do they say about Jesus' coming ministry & mission to the world? Where do you most need to experience Jesus as both "God with" & "God saves/forgives" in your life?**
4. Do you believe that Jesus is able to relate to the suffering & hardship you have experienced over the course of your life? How so? How would the gospel be different if Jesus was exempt from temptation, suffering, & difficulty?
5. Read Zeph. chapters 1, 2 & 3:1-8. How is the shift in tone starting at 3:9ff so striking? **What is the point of God's judgment? What is God's ultimate plan? How is Jesus the ultimate fulfillment of that ultimate plan? With whom can you share that?**
6. How has God invited you to be a part of what He is doing in the world? Who is one **person you know who needs Jesus' forgiving & saving love? Ask God to open an opportunity for you to share his love with them this week. Ask someone to pray for this person & opportunity with you.**

let's READ

Sunday	Psalm 18:2	Thursday	Psalm 147:3-5
Monday	Psalm 62:5-8	Friday	Proverbs 8:17-21
Tuesday	Psalm 89:14-16	Saturday	John 7:37-38
Wednesday	Psalm 138:7-8	<i>BONUS</i>	2 Corinthians 6:18

let's PRAY

**Father prepare me for whatever you require today
and lead me in faith wherever you call me to go.**

In Jesus' Name... Amen.

let's BLESS

Make the sign of the cross on each other & say:

(Name), † child of God,

*May the Father reassure you
of his presence with you today.*

Amen.

