

Immanuel- The Transcendent God is With Us... Matthew 1:18-25

God is Transcendent.

(Romans 1:20, I Timothy 6:6, Acts 17:24-25, Isaiah 6:1-5, Ezekiel 1)

The Transcendent God came to be with us. (Matthew 1:23)

The Transcendent God is still with us. (Matthew 28:20)

Questions for Discussion & Application

1. What stands out to you as confusing, interesting, or helpful from Matthew 1:18-25?
2. How would you explain in your own words that God is transcendent?
3. What is the most amazing and incomprehensible thing about God that you see in the Bible? (Consider looking up the following scriptures: Romans 1:20, I Timothy 6:6, Acts 17:24-25, Isaiah 6:1-5, Ezekiel 1.)
4. How does God's transcendence change the way you live your life?
5. Why do so many people live their lives with seemingly no awareness of God?
6. How can we encourage others to stop and think about God? How can we encourage ourselves to do this?
7. What does "Immanuel" mean? Why is this the perfect title for Jesus?
8. Does the truth that Jesus was fully God and fully human evoke any questions in your mind? Why was it so essential that Jesus was both divine and human?
9. What does it teach us about the heart and character of God that He became flesh?
10. How does the transcendent God continue to be with us today (Matthew 28:20)? How does this truth encourage you?

(Please read John 1:1-18 this week in preparation for next Sunday's message.)