

God is...

ALWAYS WITH ME

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NAMES OF GOD:

Immanuel—God with us

Matthew 1:23--"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us."

Galatians 4:4,5--But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

1. God is present with us in _____.

Psalm 139:8-10--If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Isaiah 65:24--Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.

2. God is present with us in _____.

Psalm 22:9; 22-23--Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast. You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

3. God is present with us during every _____.

Isaiah 43:1-3--But now, this is what the LORD says--he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior..."

Psalm 23:4--Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

4. God is present when we do _____ of _____.

[Matthew 6:1-6; Luke 6:35]

Hebrews 4:13--Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Joshua 1:9--Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

Psalm 16

(Pages 538-539 in pew Bible)

small group discussion questions:

1. What does "God is everywhere present at one time" mean to you? How does knowing this build your faith & bless your life?
2. Review the points and Bible verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this week's teaching?
3. What does it mean to "practice the presence of God"?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.