## Message Notes

**DECEMBER 2, 2018** 

9:30 & 11:00am



The Bible offers various words to describe Messiah Jesus. Isaiah 9:6 states, "His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 7:14 connects with Matthew 1:23 and gives Jesus the title "Immanuel." The meaning of this title is "God with us" or literally "with us (He is) God." The title makes a powerful statement about Jesus' Deity.

The history of the human race as recorded in the Bible features God from beginning to end. "In the beginning God" (Genesis 1:1) starts the story. The end of the story reads, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (Revelation 22:13). God is throughout the story.

- 1. Did people in Old Testament times feel the personal presence of God? Did they sense "God is with us"?
  - a. In the Garden
  - b. Enoch
  - c. Abraham

- d. Moses
- e. Tabernacle
- f. David
- 2. Did Joseph, husband of Mary, understand the significance of "Immanuel"?
- 3. How should followers of Jesus understand "Immanuel"?
- 4. In what ways should "Immanuel" influence followers of Jesus in the routine of life?
- 5. Connect "Immanuel" to The Lord's Table (Communion) and Jesus' directive to "remember Me."

## Think About This:

- 1. Most people relate differently to a friend or an enemy when they are in our presence than we do when they are not. "With us" makes a difference.
- 2. Would it make a difference if God's presence was visible to you all the time?
- 3. Will tomorrow's challenges take on a more positive perspective if we have an "Immanuel outlook"?

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

December 9, 2018 9:30 & 11:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS SERIES - 2018
THEN JESUS CAME

"He Will Save His People from their Sins"
Matthew 1:21

Spanish interpretation available at 11:00am service