



Journey Church

Fear Not

December 3, 2023

Fear Not – Matthew 1:18 - 25

Good News?

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Three fears we may be able to relate to:

1. Unmet expectations

Isaiah 55:8-9, Romans 8:28

- God's plans aren't always welcome news.

- “*I wait for the Lord...*” - *Psalms 130:5*

2. People's opinions

Proverbs 29:25, 2 Timothy 1:7, Matthew 6:24

- Pleasing God often means disappointing people.

- “God is the One I am trying to please...” - *Galatians 1:10*

3. “I’m not enough”

Romans 7:24-25, John 3:16-17, Philippians 4:13, Isaiah 41:10

- Jesus = He saves

- Immanuel = God is with us

Questions/Topics for this week:

1. Can you describe a time when God didn't meet your expectations? Did you learn anything about God, or about yourself as a result?
2. What role do other people's opinions play in your relationship with God? How have they helped you be obedient to God? How have they distracted you from following God?
3. What do the two names of our Savior given in the Christmas story (Jesus and Immanuel) mean to you?

Be Intentional:

This week, in the midst of the chaos of the holiday season, slow down and find rest in Jesus>

Pray:

Spend time praying together. What are some ways in which you can pray for each other? Take some time in the coming week to explore ways in which you can encourage one another. Remember to share with your group what you are learning about those opportunities and reflect on God's Word as you pray for each other.