THE LIGHT HAS COME WK2

Isaiah 7:14, 41:10; Matthew 1:23, 28:20; John 1:14, 14:15-17 & 25-26; 16:12-15, & 33; Romans 5:6-11; 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 3:14-21; Hebrews 13:5

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Discussion Guide

- 1. What is one thing from the message that God used to encourage, challenge, or grow you?
- 2. Have you ever experienced a time when distance or proximity (physical or emotional) made a relationship harder? How did things change when closeness was restored? Share your story.
- 3. Thinking about our world and culture today, where do you see an impact of people being distanced from God? What is the impact? What leads you to think this? Share your thoughts.
- 4. Read Matthew 1:18-23 together. What stands out about how God chose to enter the world through Jesus? Why is the name *Immanuel* such a powerful description of who Jesus is?
- 5. We recognized Immanuel isn't something you achieve it's Someone you receive. Why is it important to remember that closeness with God isn't earned but received? How does this challenge the way we sometimes approach faith, obedience, or "being good enough"?
- 6. What does it mean to you personally that God doesn't just come near He lives in you? How might that truth change the way you face fear, uncertainty, temptation, and life this week?
- 7. Today we learned awareness notices God's presence and surrender trusts God's leadership. Which of these are a struggle for you at times? Why? What is one practical step you can take this week to stay "in the room" with God?
- 8. Who in your life might need to experience God's presence through you this season? How can awareness of God in you shape the way you love, listen, or serve others where you live, learn, work, and play. Share with the group so we can pray with you about it.
- 9. Take a few minutes to SOAP through one of the passages referenced in the message today. These are found on the top of the notes page. You may want to include verses before/after the passage listed too. Share your insights with the group.

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