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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Please feel free to pick and choose the questions that relate best to you and your Small Group.

God With Us Week 3 – In the Storm

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

ICE-BREAKER: Were you afraid of storms as a child?

What's a major storm you've experienced in your life as an adult? How has it changed the way you relate with God?

How do you typically handle the major storms of your life? What is your go to?

Have you ever been in the middle of a storm and it wasn't your fault?

Have you ever felt like giving up all hope of being saved when you were in a storm?

READ: 2 Timothy 4:16-17

What can you learn from Paul's words to Timothy?

Do you need to forgive yourself or others for causing a specific storm that affected your life? What steps can you take toward forgiveness today?

Pastor Steve said, "Peace isn't the found in the absence of a storm. Peace is found in the presence of a good God." What are some ways people try to find false peace? How will you seek God's presence instead?

What have you learned in a storm that God can use to help someone else?

Who do you know who is going through a storm right now? How can you show them God's love this week?

What do you think God has been saying to you through this series?

Recall a stormy season in your life. Consider writing it out and look for the ways God was with you all along. Then, thank Him for it in prayer and worship this week.