

# WHY IN THE WORLD

## Part 2: For Us

### INTRODUCTION

At a time like this, it can feel like God's out to get us. Or perhaps, that he doesn't care about us. But if that were the case, why would Jesus come live among us as one of us? Why would Jesus go by *Immanuel*? If God's out to get us, why be with us? Maybe—just maybe—God is *actually* for us. And if that's the case, it informs the way we look at our neighbors.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What things do you hear people chalking up to God? What unexplainable or difficult things have people made into a “Gods out to get us” thing?
2. In the midst of all this, do you believe God is for us? How would you explain that to someone that's struggling right now?
3. Read **Romans 8:31-34**. What's your definition of the word “for”? Have you ever thought about God being for you in the ways Paul outlines here? Why or why not?
4. It seems like Paul is saying that God doesn't see us as his adversary but as his family. What feelings well up in you when you consider the notion of you being spoken for by God?
5. Read **John 15:12**. What's it look like for you to love your neighbor and your family in a sacrificed-for, spoken-for, and stood-up-for kind of way?
6. What would happen if, over the next several weeks, our community believed that God is for them? That the church is for them?

### MOVING FORWARD

Make a list of creative ways to care for your neighbors and family members during the next few weeks. How will you leverage social media, email, the phone or any other medium to connect with them and show them that you, and God, are for them?

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? —Romans 8:31-32*

