



# HTC Groups

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** Advent 2023: God With Us

**Scripture:** Genesis 3:8-10, 22-24; Revelation 21:1-7

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1. Immanuel, which means “God with us” (Matthew 1:23), is one of Christmas's most commonly shared phrases. What does this mean to you? Has it changed following our series through the life of Joseph?
2. Genesis 3 is titled “The Fall” in many Bibles. While true, notice the relationship between God and Man in Genesis 3:8-9. What does this reveal about God’s interactions with Man before sin? How does this reveal the fracture God and Man experienced due to sin?
3. Reread Genesis 3:8. Now read Revelation 21:3. How do Genesis 3 (beginning) and Revelation 21 (ending) serve as bookends to the Bible? How do they reveal what God accomplishes in between?
4. In what ways does Revelation describe the completion of what began in Genesis?
5. Read Revelation 21:4, followed by Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31. Consider what God sees in the beginning at what God sees as He begins to make all things new (Revelation 21:5). Share your reflections.
6. How does the description of this city compare with the description of the Garden of Eden? How does it compare with the living conditions all humans have endured between the garden and the final resurrection?
7. What hopes do you have this Christmas (personal, spiritual, relational, professional, financial, etc.)? How can we be praying for you?
8. Harbor Trinity Church exists *to create mature disciples who intentionally help people find and follow Jesus*. Christmas is when family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors are more inclined to respond positively to your invitation. Who are you inviting to Christmas at HTC? Let’s create a list of names and pray together.