



Carols: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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Emmanuel means God _____ us.

Matthew 7:21-23 *And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."* **22** *All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:* **23** *"Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"*

John 1:1, 14 *In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. 14 So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.*

Just because you don't _____ God's presence doesn't mean He's not there.

God _____ with you

It's often easier to see God in the _____ than in the present.

Genesis 39:21 *But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden.*

Joseph's _____ became his passage to the _____.

God _____ with you

Luke 1:28 *Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"*

God _____ with you

Romans 8:35; 37-39 *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Revelation 1:8 *"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."*

The question that needs to be answered is: are _____ with God?

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: What's the most memorable Christmas gift you have been given?

1. Read Romans 8:35-39. Discuss what stands out to you.
2. In what ways have you experienced God being with you?
3. What circumstances are you facing that you need God to be with you right now?
4. What steps do you need to take experience more of God?
5. Is there anything this group can pray for?