

### Immanuel – what is it, and why do I need it?

1. God comes to me in my . . . . . issues. 1:18-19

God’s . . . . . plan

Ephesians 1:4-5, “before the foundation of the world”

My . . . . . reaction

Jeremiah 3:8a, God Himself initiates His own divorce!

2. God comes to me in my . . . . . times. 1:20-21

God is with me in my . . . . . struggles

God is with me in my . . . . . steps

3. God comes to me in His . . . . . Word. 1:22-23

God’s . . . . . gives me the big picture

God’s . . . . . gives me His personal presence

4. God comes to me in my . . . . . choices. 1:24-25

Life goes on with the new . . . . .

Life goes best when I . . . . . God

### My prayer priorities for this week

S 22 Mary P

M 23 The future of our church

T 24 Our Bunnings contacts

W 25 Thanks for God’s Gift

T 26 Phil & Louise

F 27 Aileen & George

S 28 Ray & Helen

S 29 Geoff & Joy

### Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Are birthdays a big deal in your household? What has, so far, been your most significant birthday milestone?
2. Jesus had two birthday celebrations, both with uninvited guests. First, with the shepherds in Bethlehem. Then with the wise men in Nazareth. If you could invite anybody to your next birthday, who would you invite?
3. Mary was pregnant before she and Joseph “came together” (v18). What makes this doctrine of the Virgin Birth so important?
4. No other person in the whole world has ever been fathered by God Himself. How does the title “Immanuel” reinforce the character of this child?
5. The angel called him as “Joseph, son of David” (v20). How does this reminder help Joseph accept, and act on, the angel’s words?
6. Joseph said nothing, but did plenty. How does this make him a suitable step-father for Jesus?

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