

# GOD WITH US WHAT'S IN A NAME?

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## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:23

## BIG IDEA

Jesus is with us, not against us.

## SERMON OUTLINE

1. Jesus (God With Us) identifies with us.
  - Relationally
  - Vocationally
  - Emotionally
2. We have a Savior who is with us not against us.
  - Joy
  - Peace
  - Forgiveness.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you look forward to the Christmas season or not so much? Why?
2. Pastor Steve mentioned that sometimes we're going as fast as a NASCAR driver as we navigate the holiday season. If true for you, do you believe you can give all the holiday stresses (hanging with family, traveling, gift buying, baking, eating too much, decorating, etc.) to Jesus and relax a little? Do you believe Jesus can actually handle your stresses?
3. The New Testament paints a picture of Jesus as one who can relate to us relationally (he had friends), vocationally (he worked in construction), and emotionally (he experienced grief, betrayal, delight, excitement). Which one of these areas to you best connect with from Jesus' experiences?
4. Pastor Steve suggested that Jesus is for you, not against you. Do you believe that statement or not? Why? If you do believe it, name one way that belief has impacted your behavior in the last week.

## MY NEXT STEP

- ☐ Trust that Jesus is for me and not against me.
- ☐ Trust Jesus with all my stresses.
- ☐ Something else? \_\_\_\_\_