



God.With.Us. (Part One: God)

Sermon Discussion Questions - December 11, 2022

Text

Matthew 1:21-23 ; John 1:1-5, 9-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1:1-4

Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 1:21-23. Discuss the ways in which Jesus' birth was different from every other birth. Why is it important that Jesus came to be with us in this way?
2. John 1:12-13 says, "*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*" God doesn't wait for us to fix our sin to give us access to a relationship with Him. How can this change the way you approach others in confession, and God in prayer?
3. If you have a hard time believing that you're a child of God sometimes, when? What are some ways you can remind yourself of the truth when you're tempted to doubt?
4. Read Colossians 1:15-20 and discuss the attributes of Jesus that are listed in these verses. Hebrews 1:3 says, "*He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power ...*" In what ways do you see Jesus showing His deity while He was also human? Give specific examples in Scripture.
5. What are some ways you might be distracted this holiday season? How can your community be supporting you and praying for your relationship with Jesus during this time?

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for entering the world as a helpless human not just to be with us, but to be *God* with us. Coming from a family tree riddled with sin and brokenness, You were born to a scared teenager; thank You for showing us that we can still glorify You even with the messier parts of our stories. Please help us understand the gravity of the humility You displayed by sacrificing aspects of Your power to live as one of us. Remind us to come to You every day in thanksgiving for how You made a way for us. Especially as we walk through this season, let us remember and celebrate You for sacrificing everything so we could have a relationship with You. We love You. Amen.

