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**SERMON TITLE:** “What Does It Mean To Be WITH Us?” - Brad Williams

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:**

- Matthew 1:18-23
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### **Connect: Grow together**

1. How did God show up in your life this week?
2. What are you thankful for since the last time we met? Stressed about?
3. Did you follow through on any action steps from last time? How did it go?

### **Discover: Let the words sink in**

1. What was the main point of this week’s message, in your own words?
2. What jumped out at you?
3. What did this message say about God and about people? If this is true and you acted on it, how might this change your life?
4. How will you apply what you learned before we meet again?
5. Create an “I will” statement based on the message.

### **Challenge Questions:**

1. This Sunday we launched a new series called “God with Us” and we looked at the three aspects of that statement - God, With, Us. What is the connection between how we think about God and how we relate to God? How do you think about God that negatively impacts how you relate to God? Did the message Sunday help you think differently? How?
2. The word ‘with’ seems to reshape how we understand God’s posture or thinking toward humanity. How does God being ‘present’ and ‘for’ you change your thinking? Is there a circumstance right now that would be different if you allowed this truth to sink into the details? (Would you be willing to share?)
3. How does God being with US in our mess impact you? Do you feel like God delights in your or tolerates you? Why or why not? How does Sunday’s message challenge that thinking?

**Multiply: Share the Love**

1. Are there any concerns/difficulties that you are currently facing? Is there any way that the group can help?
2. Who else can the group show kindness to?
3. Do you know someone who could benefit from hearing what you have learned?