

# PROMISE

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## CONNECT

What are you most connected to?

What do you wish you weren't connected to?

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## PRAY TOGETHER

Read Psalm 145:14-21, then turn it into a prayer.

Add to this your own words of praise and request.

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## STUDY AND DISCUSSION

This series is based on the idea that (1) God made a promise, (2) Jesus fulfilled that promise and (3) one day we will experience the complete fulfillment of that promise.

Explore these three aspects by studying the Scriptures below and responding to the questions that follow. Don't rush through this guide. The goal is not to get *right answers* or even answer all the questions, but to have thoughtful discussions that lead to renewed minds and transformed hearts.

God's presence is not merely a doctrine to be believed; it is a reality to be experienced.

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## THE PROMISE

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**A Son is coming—his name is *Immanuel*, God is with us.**

### **Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)**

*Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*

1. What's the significance of the virgin birth? For further insight, read Luke 1:31-38; Romans 5:18-19; Hebrews 4:14-16.
2. How does knowing that Jesus' birth was foretold centuries earlier affect your view of God's plan and faithfulness?
3. How is this relevant to your life?
4. How do you react to the idea that God's plan can unfold over generations yet He is still faithful?

## FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISE IN JESUS' FIRST COMING

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### **Matthew 1:18-23 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup>*This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.*

<sup>20</sup>*But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

<sup>22</sup>*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").*

5. What does it mean to you that God is with you? How does this change the way you respond to fear or uncertainty?
6. What does it mean that prophecy is not just about predicting the future, but also about God's promises being fulfilled in history?
7. Describe a situation in which you were very aware you needed God to be with you. What did you do?
8. How do you need God's closeness in a different, unique way than you did years ago?

## THE ULTIMATE FULFILLMENT WHEN JESUS RETURNS

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### Revelation 22:3-7 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> “No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

<sup>6</sup> The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.”

<sup>7</sup> “Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”

9. What’s something you treasured, and how did that change the way you lived?
10. How can this passage encourage you in your daily life?
11. What would it look like to align your life with God’s promises?

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### THE BIG TAKEAWAY

What’s **one thing** God showed you or said to you this week that you never want to forget? Pause and ask Him how He feels about you and what He wants you to remember. Allow for a couple of minutes of silence and listen for Him to speak.

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### MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

One of the best ways to hear God in your daily life is to have His words rooted in your heart. Memorize this Scripture, trusting God will bring His words to mind at just the right time.

*“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”*

**Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV)**