

God With Us In the Valley

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”

Matthew 1:23 NLT

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

Psalm 84:5-7 NIV

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. Psalm 139:7-10 NIV

Key Point

We may enjoy God on the mountain-tops, but we get to know Him intimately in the valleys.

Whoever finds God, finds life.

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What parts of this message do you feel like you really needed to hear?
- On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you think and live like God is always with you? Explain.

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- God is with you. How can you draw near to Him during this season?
- Read Psalm 139:7-10. What thoughts do these verses stir in you?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Pastor Jack talked about how we get to know God in the valleys. What have you learned about God in a valley?
- When was the last time you slowed down and pursued God’s presence in a moment? What happened? How could you do this more often?
- Talk about a difficult area in your life where you especially need to keep your mind fixed on God. How will you do it?
- What you think about matters. What is some thinking you want to change?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

God, what an incredible honor that You spend time with us. You sent Your Son to be with us. You are with us at work, home, and in between. You are with us in the valley. Help us to fix our hearts and minds on You. We pray this by the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Discover the nearness of God in the *God With Us* Bible Plan: www.go2.lc/with
- If you don’t already spend a set time with God daily, try it this week. If you do, try adding a portion of quietly waiting on God’s presence.