Series: Heaven Come to Earth Sermon: Live At Each Campus Speaker: Live At Each Campus

Monday: Luke 1:26-38 Tuesday: Matthew 1:18-25 Wednesday: Luke 2:1-15 Thursday: John 1:1-14 Friday: Colossians 1:15-20 Saturday: Ephesians 2:13-22

- 1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message. If members of your group attend multiple campuses, be sure to share highlights of Sunday's message from each campus!
- 2. How did this message strengthen and/or correct your previous ideas related to the message topic? Did you learn anything new about God or yourself this week?
- 3. How are you feeling moving into this Advent season? What emotions, thoughts, or feelings come to mind when you think of Advent in general?
- 4. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

Discussion Questions based on sermon

<u>Immanuel</u>

- Read Matthew 1:18-25. Why is it important to have Matthew connect his writings to what Isaiah shared many years before?
- God is with us and for us. How does this influence your faith? How does this influence how you live your life?
- What should you do when it doesn't "feel" like God is present?
- What do you personally appreciate most about the fact that God cam to earth to be in relationship with us?

Word

- What does John mean by the word "Word" in John 1:1-5? How does this relate to the Christmas story?
 - What does John mean when he says that the "Word was with God" and "was God"? How do you explain that he was "with" God and "was" God? How can John affirm both things about the Word?
- Why is Jesus' presence at creation significant in affirming His deity?
- Jesus has the final word over death, sin, worries, and the enemy. How does this impact your faith and how you live your life?
- Imagine a child asks, "Why did God have to become a human?" How would you answer?

Action Step

Who can you invite to the Christmas Festival or Christmas Eve? Commit to getting coffee, having a meal, or calling a friend, coworker, or neighbor this week. While spending time with them, invite them to the festival and/or Christmas Eve! For more information, visit thechapel.com/christmas.