

NO OTHER NAME

WEEK 1 MAY 19-25

ELOHIM & IMMANUEL

Matthew 1:23, John 14

There are over 200 names of God in the Bible that are used to relate to his character, nature and how he works. Jesus was called Immanuel because the name characterises his mission: he came down to Earth to be with us and show his saving grace. He not only walked the earth but also left his Holy Spirit so we never have to be alone. God is omnipresent – he is close and he is everywhere all of the time.

Creation screams his glory – everywhere we look we see God's hand. However, in this fallen world, life can unfold in unexpected ways, leaving us questioning God, “Where are you?” We need to know and be encouraged that even in situations where we can't see the breakthrough, the miracle or the realized dream, we know that God is working on our behalf and that he is with us!

Jesus clearly tells us in John 14 that he would not leave us as orphans but is with us always. There may be areas of life where we feel completely abandoned and alone with no one to lean on... know that Immanuel, the God above all, is with you.

Use these questions to lead a conversation around this week's NO OTHER NAME devotional.

- Q. How can studying the names of God be helpful?
- Q. What does the name “Immanuel” tell you about God?
- Q. What Scriptures can you think of that illustrate God being “with us”?
- Q. Share an area of your life where knowing that God is “Immanuel” makes a real difference to you at the moment.

Our **Heart for the House** focus this week is: Growth in Australia and Hillsong Los Angeles.

Read the sections on these in the Devotional booklet. **Discuss** the difference that progress in these areas will have in people's lives and for the cause of Christ. **Talk about** how you're preparing for our Heart for the House offering.

PRAY:

- For each other's prayer requests (and fill out the Prayer Request slip in the Devotional)
- Heart for the House Offering
- Hillsong Conference
- “No Other Name” Release