

## Life Group Notes – Sunday 17 February 2019

### God With Us

Read or sing the words of this song by Graham Kendrick - available on You Tube (link: <https://youtu.be/QON384KtMrA>) if you don't have a CD. Follow with a few minutes silence to reflect on the words and then express your own feelings in worship of the wonder of Immanuel, God with us.

Immanuel, O Immanuel, Bowed in awe I worship at your feet  
And sing Immanuel, God is with us  
Sharing my humanness, my shame  
Feeling my weaknesses, my pain  
Taking the punishment, the blame, Immanuel  
And now my words cannot explain All that my heart cannot contain  
How great are the glories of your name, Immanuel

This week's reading was Moses 3 v13-15. The story continues from last week when we read about God sending Moses. The passage describes Moses asking questions about his calling. God reiterates to Moses that He is God and that He is sending him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

In the same way, God is always with us today. We read in Isaiah 7 that Jesus is also called 'Immanuel' which means 'God with us'. God is always with us – but do we always acknowledge and respond to His presence with us?

In your groups, or with a friend, share a time when you have been particularly aware of God's presence with you in a difficult situation, in an ordinary everyday situation, or in a joyful situation.

Read Isaiah 66 v5-21. Take a few minutes to re-read the passage slowly and identify all the different situations in which God says He will be with His people.

Share for prayer, any situations coming up in the week ahead when you particularly need to know that God is with you.