

# EMMANUEL

SIXTEEN ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

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LEADER GUIDE



# WEEK ONE

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1. How are you going to embrace the season of Advent this year?
2. How are you preparing the way for Jesus' return?
3. What is so special about Jesus' and John's encounter when in their mothers' wombs?
4. Why was it significant that John baptized Jesus?
5. What is one thing that all the people Jesus encountered have in common?
6. How has Jesus given you a new story?
7. In what ways has Jesus given you clarity even amongst the craziness of life?
8. What is so unique about Jesus' response to the bleeding woman?
9. How has your encounter with Jesus provided hope?



# WEEK TWO

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1. How have your eyes been opened to Jesus?
2. What things are you holding on to and not willing to give up?
3. Where do you find your rest?
4. Can you relate to the men that brought the woman in John 8 to Jesus? If so, how?
5. Why is it important that the blind man was not healed until he followed Jesus' command to go wash in the pool of Siloam?
6. What is different about the rich young ruler's encounter with Jesus?
7. How can we learn from the rich young ruler's encounter with Jesus?
8. What is so powerful about Jesus calling Zacchaeus by name?
9. How has your encounter with Jesus brought you peace?



# WEEK THREE

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1. What is the significance of Passover?
2. Take a moment and picture yourself in the Upper Room with Jesus and the disciples sharing a meal moments before His crucifixion. What do you imagine this time was like?
3. How does Jesus' humility impact you?
4. In the midst of hardship, pain, or trials how will you respond to Christ?
5. How would you define truth, and in what ways are you walking within that truth today?
6. Jesus' last word was "tetelestai" which means "it is finished." He died the death we deserve. He paid the ultimate price so that we can walk in freedom and live with Him for eternity. How can you walk in the freedom that Christ offers today?
7. What stands out to you about Jesus' response to the thief next to Him on the cross?
8. In what areas of your life do you need to believe in the promises of Jesus?
9. How have your encounters with Jesus produced joy?



# WEEK FOUR

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1. This week we see that Jesus is about to enter into the world. He came into the world in a way that was not expected. Take a moment and place yourself in Mary's shoes. How would you have responded to Gabriel's news?
2. What is so beautiful about Mary's response to her son's birth?
3. How could Jesus' unexpected entrance into the world caused you to have missed Him?
4. In what ways do you miss Jesus today because you are so distracted by the noise of the world?
5. In what ways do you think the shepherds' and wisemen's encounters with Jesus changed their lives forever?
6. What is so special about Simeon's and Anna's encounters with Jesus? And why were their encounters with Jesus as a child so impactful?
7. How has your encounter with Jesus caused you to love Him and others more deeply?
8. Who can you go and share your encounter with Jesus with?
9. In what ways have you encountered Jesus this Advent season?

