

CHRISTMAS FOR THE VALLEY

THERE'S POWER IN THE NAME

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As we continue in our Christmas FOR The Valley series, we are looking at the Christmas Story through the eyes of the main characters. This week we met Jesus! We learned that there's power in the name of Jesus for YOU!

GROUP DISCUSSION:

Do you know what your name means or were you named after someone? Share with the group.

There is power in a name. There's power in the name of Jesus!

READ Matthew 1:20-23. What instructions did the angel give to Joseph? What is the importance of the name of the Son of God?

Jesus is the Hebrew name Yeshua.

Yeshua = YHWH Saves. "The LORD saves".

Everyone agrees, something is wrong with us. We cry out to be made right. We cry out to be saved. SIN is the source of pain, suffering and hurt.

HE MAKES A WAY!

READ John 1:29 and Romans 6:23a. Every morning and evening, a lamb was sacrificed in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29:38-42). To pay the penalty for sin, a life had to be given. What do these passages tell us? How does this make you feel?

READ Isaiah 53:4-6, 12. In these passages, we see God pulling back the curtain of time to let the people know that one day the future Messiah would be the ultimate Sacrificial Lamb. The Lamb that takes away ALL of our sin. This forgiveness is available to everyone who receives it. What are your thoughts about this gift?

IMMANUEL=God with us

“The best of all, God is with us!” - John Wesley

READ Psalm 23:4, Psalm 34:18 and Joshua 1:9. The point of Jesus going to the cross is not just to save us; He wants to be WITH YOU! Celebrate with you. Champion you. What does it mean to have God WITH you?

MISSION STATEMENT OF CHRISTMAS -To save people from sin. And for God to be with us. Where do you need God to enter into your story?

There's power in the name of JESUS for YOU!

THIS WEEK:

We cannot save ourselves. Do you need to ask Him to save you? Today is the day to ask Jesus to be YOUR Savior who rescues you from sin. Then find time every day to be WITH God. He wants to be with you in every area of your life.

INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN YOU FOR Christmas Eve FOR The Valley!

We invite you, your family, and friends to join one of our Christmas Eve services! You'll experience an encouraging message, familiar Christmas music and a CPC tradition of candle lighting during "Silent Night". Children's programming will be available for nursery-TK only. Service times are: December 23 at 5pm and December 24 at 11am, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm. All services will be available online and in-person.

There will be NO in-person gatherings on Sunday, December 26th and January 2nd. Instead, we invite you to join us ONLINE ONLY at 9 am or 11 am on those dates!