

“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him **Immanuel**, which means ‘**God is with us.**’”
Matthew 1:23

God is with us in our sin.

Not a single person on earth is always good and **never sins**.
Ecclesiastes 7:20

Where does God go when you sin?

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“And she will have a son, and you are to name him **Jesus**, for he will save his people from their **sins.**” *Matthew 1:21*

This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it:
“Christ Jesus came into the world to **save** sinners...”
1 Timothy 1:15

Penalty of sin.

He himself is the sacrifice that **atones** for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world. *1 John 2:2*

Power of sin.

1. God’s presence helps us to not give up.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to **forgive** us our sins and to **cleanse** us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9*

Oh, how **often** they rebelled against him in the wilderness and grieved his heart in that dry wasteland. *Psalms 78:40*

2. God’s presence leads us to do the right thing.

For a man’s ways are before the **eyes** of the Lord, and he ponders all his paths. *Proverbs 5:21*

No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and **sin against God?**
Genesis 39:9

There is no such thing as a private moment.

Where do you need to do the right thing?

Will you allow the presence of God to lead you there?

This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. *1 John 4:10*

SG | Small Groups

Small group discussion questions related to the weekend message will resume January 6, during our next 10-week group semester. At Emmanuel, we connect and grow in small groups. Below are our groups you can register for by December 30 at eclife.org!



Series-Based Groups

Connect with others in similar stages of life for the purpose of discussing how to apply the content of the weekend service’s message to our lives in a practical way.



Bible Study Groups

Explore specific books of the Bible and how the content relates to and applies to our lives in a practical way.



Financial Peace University

Connect with others who are focused on getting out of debt, spending and saving wisely, finding margin in their budget, and discovering biblical principles about money through Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University course.



Premarital Groups

Great marriages don’t just happen! Preparation is crucial to a great marriage, and these groups are designed to prepare engaged couples for strong, lasting marriages through practical teaching from the Bible.



Care Groups

Sometimes we need the perspective and encouragement of others during life’s most challenging circumstances. Care groups connect you with others who can provide the support needed in your current stage of life, such as:

- Marriage Enrichment
- Divorce Recovery
- Addiction Rehabilitation



Starting Point

Are you unsure about God? Do you have doubts and questions you’re uncomfortable sharing in church? This group is a safe place to ask tough questions, express concerns, and explore faith.



Mom’s Time Out

Whether you are pregnant, a mother of teens, or anywhere in between, this group will encourage and equip you through engaging speakers, time to connect with other moms and lots of fun!



Singles Groups

Connecting singles with other singles in the same stage of life for the purpose of forming friendships, building community, and supporting each other’s growth in Christ.



GriefShare

Connect with a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences—the loss of a loved one. You don’t have to go through the grieving process alone.