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## Christmas at The Ridge

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some things you love about the Christmas season?
2. What are some things that get in the way of us enjoying the Christmas season? What are some things that distract us from truly celebrating the birth of Christ?
3. Read John 1:1-3, John 1:14 and Hebrews 1:1-3. What do we learn about Jesus from these verses? Why is it important that we understand who Jesus was (and is)?
4. Read John 1:9-12. Why do you think the people in Jesus' day didn't recognize who he was? Why didn't they receive him? How might these verses apply today to the world in which we live?
5. Read Hebrews 2:8 and Hebrews 4:15-16. Why is it encouraging to know that Jesus can relate to our suffering?
6. Read Isaiah 7:14. Why was it essential that Jesus be born to a virgin? The name "Immanuel" means, "God is with us." In what ways is that name comforting? In what ways was that name fulfilled in Jesus?
7. How would you explain to someone why the incarnation was essential to our salvation?
8. How might you apply tonight's lesson to your life?

### KEY VERSES (HCSB)

Psalm 90:5b-6  
Hebrews 2:17-18  
Hebrews 4:15-16  
1 Timothy 2:5  
1 John 1:9-12