

25 NAMES OF JESUS

DISCUSSION GUIDE 3

ABOUT THIS SERIES

His names made wise men travel a great distance. His names made shepherds run to a manger. His names made Mary sing with joy.

This December, prepare for Christmas by considering 25 of the names and titles of Jesus. Each name that prophesied his arrival will raise your understanding of the season, your anticipation for his birth, and your faith for the year ahead.

ITEMS NEEDED

- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ 25 Names of Jesus devotionals

CHECKLIST BEFORE YOUR GROUP ARRIVES

- ☐ Pray for your group
- ☐ Read through the Discussion Guide
- ☐ Refreshments (optional)
- ☐ Clean meeting area
- ☐ Clean bathroom
- ☐ Crack front door

OPENING (10 MIN)

After a general welcome, say: We know each other's names, but let's go around —

WHAT DOES YOUR NAME MEAN, OR WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT NAME?

After a brief discussion, say: Just like parents pouring over children's names for their baby, God the Father chose the names of Jesus for a specific purpose. That's what we're talking about in our 25 Names of Jesus series and what we're talking about today.

But before we get into all of that, let's pray.

OPENING PRAYER (1 MIN)

Host, lead the group in prayer, asking God to bless your time together.

IMMANUEL (5-10 MIN)

After a prayer, say: On Sunday, we heard from the prophet Isaiah about a name of Jesus God gave his Son.

CAN SOMEONE READ ISAIAH 7:14 ALOUD FOR THE GROUP?

ARE YOU SOMEONE WHO TYPICALLY VALUES BEING WITH PEOPLE (EXTROVERTS) OR YOU ONLY LIKE BEING WITH CERTAIN PEOPLE (INTROVERTS)?

WHAT ABOUT THE NAME "GOD WITH US" GIVES YOU COMFORT AND JOY THIS CHRISTMAS?

SIX MORE NAMES (10-15 MIN)

After a discussion, say: Let's look at six more of the names of Jesus, after each reading we'll take a moment to share any observations.

LET'S EACH TAKE TURNS READING DEC. 15 (BREAD OF LIFE) TO DEC. 20 (LIGHT).

AFTER EACH: ANY OBSERVATIONS?

WHICH OF THESE TITLES IS THE HARDEST FOR YOU TO WRAP YOUR HEAD AROUND AND WHY?

WHICH OF THESE NAMES IS THE MOST MEANINGFUL TO YOU THIS CHRISTMAS?

CLOSING PRAYER (5 – 7 MIN)

After a discussion, say: To close out in prayer today, we're going to call on each of the names of God we discussed today. But first—

ARE THERE ANY OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS TODAY?

After taking prayer requests, say:

We come to you in prayer now, God with Us...

Pause for reflection.

Bread of Life...

Pause for reflection.

Good Shepherd...

Pause for reflection.

Resurrection...

Pause for reflection.

Vine...

Pause for reflection.

Way...

Pause for reflection.

Light...

We ask you to be all of these titles for us right now, as we pray...

Continue with today's prayer requests.