

God With Us – Part 2
Do Not Let The Extraordinary Become Ordinary
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Who was your childhood hero or even your current hero? What qualities of God does that hero have? What differences?

Read Isaiah 9:6.

- When you read the term "Mighty God", what image comes to mind?
- Scotty McElvain quoted Del Tackett, "When we look upon the face of God, we cannot help but be transformed." How has this been true in your life?

Read Romans 3:23 and then Romans 6:23.

- Is our "Mighty God" sufficient to meet our needs? Calm our fears? Overcome our guilt and shame? Describe how He has done each of these in your life?
- Has His sufficiency become ordinary? What areas are you most at risk of this happening?

Our Mighty God's "resume" includes creating the heavens & earth in six days (Genesis 1 & John 1:1-3), maintaining power over creation (Matthew 8:27), demonstrating that power through miracles (the Gospels), and overcoming sin and death (Revelation 1:18). Which of these displays of power encourages you most?

Read 1 Peter 5:6-11.

- In the midst of challenging times, it is easy to focus on the formidable enemy. How do we resist him?
- What is the promise if we resist?

Read Ephesians 1:18-20.

- How is Isaiah 9:6 related to this passage?
- What are the roles of power and strength in this passage?

What part of the Christmas season reminds you most of the sovereignty and might of God?

How can we avoid letting the *extraordinary* become ordinary during this exceptionally busy season?

In closing, reflect on the extraordinary message of the ordinary song, "Jesus Loves Me". You are encouraged to sing it as a group as a wrap up to your time of prayer.