



GraceWay Church Groups
Discussion Guide
Nov 30 – Dec 6, 2025

“Wk 1: The Gift of
Presence”

Open It

1. What is your favorite Christmas decoration or tradition that brings back special memories, and why is it meaningful to you?

Read It

2. What name is given to Jesus in **Matthew 1:23**, and what does it mean?
3. What does Jesus becoming human reveal about God’s desire for relationship with us? How does that make you feel?
4. How does **Hebrews 4:16** tell us to approach God's throne of Grace? Why?

Get It

5. Have you ever been inconvenienced by an unexpected opportunity to serve? How did you respond?
6. Read **Isaiah 7:14**, written 700 years earlier. In what ways does Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:23 encourage trust in God's promises? Share about a time when God made you a promise that you saw come to fruition?
7. How does **Hebrews 4:16** reflect the idea that “*His presence is not seasonal, but eternal*”? What does this verse show about God’s attitude toward our struggles?
8. Pastor Fred described peace as *'not the absence of calamity, but calm during calamity.'* Can you share a time when you experienced this kind of peace?
9. Read **Philippians 2:6-8**. Jesus leaving his home on high and coming to earth might have been considered "inconvenient". What in your life are you willing to give up, or be inconvenienced over, for the One who died for you? What does Jesus’ humility tell us about the kind of God we serve, and how we should live our lives?
10. What does it mean to you that your eternal life began the moment you accepted Christ, not when you die? How are you living as though your eternal life has already begun?

Apply It

11. This week, look for one specific opportunity to let Christ's presence in your life help you be present for someone else who is going through a difficult time. Whether it's a phone call, a visit, a meal, or simply listening, ask God to show you how His presence in you can make a difference in their life.
12. How can we pray for you this week?