

**Immanuel: God With Us**  
**Week 2: A Better Understanding**  
John 14:5-11

**INTRODUCTION:**

- A. God left heaven and came to earth to dwell among us (Phil. 2:3-8).
- B. Why would Jesus make so many sacrifices to come and dwell among man?

**PHILIP'S QUESTION**

- A. Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father and that would be enough (Jn. 14:8).
- B. It seems Philip was asking for what is commonly known as a theophany. A theophany is when God revealed himself in some form to humans (Gen. 32:22-32; Exo. 3-4; 24:9-11).
- C. This is how many people respond to God today. They think if they could just see God that would be enough for them and they would believe and obey Him.

**JESUS'S RESPONSE**

- A. The Old Testament had foretold the coming of the Messiah (Isa. 7:14; 9:6). The Jews were expectantly waiting for His arrival.
- B. Not only had the Jews missed it, but even His very own disciples had missed it. Jesus had done the very thing Philip was asking Him to do (Jn. 14:9-11). His words and works proved that. Many people followed Jesus because they saw the signs He had done on the sick (Jn. 6:2).
- C. If we want to know God, look at Jesus and His life (Col. 1:15; 2:9).

**JESUS GIVES US A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE FATHER**

- A. Through Jesus we see that God values people.
  - 1. Jesus spent time with the social outcast of His day (Lk. 5:27-32; 19:1-10; Jn. 4:27).
  - 2. God values us so much that He knows how many hairs are on our heads (Lk. 12:6-7).
- B. Through Jesus we see that God is patient with people.
  - 1. Jesus was patient with His disciples on many occasions (Matt. 8:26; Jn. 14:8-9).
  - 2. God is patient with us because He doesn't want anyone to perish (2 Pet. 3:9).
- C. Through Jesus we see that God forgives people.
  - 1. Jesus asked God to forgive those who hung Him on a cross (Lk. 23:34).
  - 2. God wants to forgive us of all our sins (I Jn. 1:9).

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. By coming to earth Jesus better helps us see and understand the Father.
- B. If we want to know what God is like, just look at the life of Jesus.