

IN YOUR GROUP

Some Cornerstone Community groups may use the weekend message as the basis for their discussion. In a one-hour group session, you might spend a 10-15 minutes catching up, 40 minutes talking through the discussion questions above, and 15-20 minutes praying for one another and planning ways the group can meet needs and serve others.

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Help us decide how to spend our 2021 outreach budget! Join in the 7 Days of Christmas during their seven-day time frame before the end of 2021 to direct Cornerstone's end-of-year outreach giving during this Christmas season..

- You click, we give! [CornerstoneNH.org/7](https://cornerstonenh.org/7)
- Watch the video introduction to the 7 Days of Christmas. [CornerstoneNH.org/7video](https://cornerstonenh.org/7video)

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YOUR NAME: _____ 12/11-12/2021

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“How can I know God is with me?”

YOUR GROWTH GUIDE FOR THE WEEK OF
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

CONNECT AT CORNERSTONE

We want to encourage, inform, and connect with you!

Go to [CORNERSTONENH.ORG/NEW](https://cornerstonenh.org/new).

You can also text NEW to 603-225-2550.

TODAY'S MESSAGE NEVER ALONE

TODAY: GOD'S PRESENCE • MATTHEW 1:18-23

THE BOTTOM LINE

**GOD _____ WANTS US
TO BE _____**

All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" – Matthew 1:22-23 NLT

IT WAS ALWAYS GOD'S

_____ **TO BE WITH US**

HE CREATED US TO BE WITH US

When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" – Genesis 3:8-9 NLT



JOIN US IN PERSON, ON SITE FOR OUR CANDLELIGHT & CHRISTMAS STORY CELEBRATION ON CHRISTMAS EVE!

Cornerstone is joining Restoration Foursquare Church on site at our regular meeting place, United Baptist Church, for a combined Christmas Eve service full of the joy of the season.

- Singing songs of the season together.
- Story time for the children present in the service.
- A timely Christmas message for everyone, "Unexpected Presents Presence."
- A candle-lighting service to close our time together.

Join us! Registration is not required, but would be helpful as we plan for a capacity crowd. Click the Register button and let us know how many you're bringing. Go to CornerstoneNH.org/Christmas...

WE CAN _____ GOD BETTER & BETTER _____

THE INVITATION: BE WITH JESUS, KNOW THE FATHER

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him. – 2 Peter 3:3 MSG/NLT

And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him...
– Mark 3:14 NASB

If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." – John 14:7a, 8 NIV

WE ARE _____ TRULY ALONE _____

THIS IS BEST: THE HOLY SPIRIT AMONG & WITHIN YOU

But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. – John 16:7 NLT

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.
– John 16:13a NLT

EVEN BETTER: "I AM GOING TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU"

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am."

– John 14:1-3 NLT

Saying "YES" to Jesus? Text **YES** to **603-225-2550**

Let us celebrate your decision & resource you for your new life in Christ.

THE CHALLENGE

**ASK MYSELF, "AM I _____ GOD'S
_____ TO BE WITH HIM?"**

- Keep showing up! CornerstoneNH.org/calendar
- Take a next step. CornerstoneNH.org/nextsteps
- Pastor Brian's notes on Life Journaling: CornerstoneNH.org/lifejournaling. Read & respond to God's Word with insight and understanding.

TALK IT OVER

Answer these questions with others to reflect upon and apply what you've heard. Watching online? Discuss in person or online with others who watched. On site? Our service includes time to circle up and discuss.

- 1. Did you ever have to spend a holiday or other special occasion alone? When?**
- 2. Read John 14:1-10. What stands out to you about Jesus' teaching and plans?**
- 3. In what ways have you accepted God's invitation to be with him? What's a next step towards God you could take?**