

TREES LIGHTS
& PRESENCEDISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

1. Do you have a specific Christmas memory, from childhood or adulthood, where you felt a sense of peace or "**rightness**," even if you didn't call it God at the time?
2. We heard three very different stories that included provision, hope, answered prayer, quiet presence and comfort. Which of the three stories resonated most with where you are currently at in your life, and why?
3. Was there a specific phrase or moment during the sharing that felt like a "**nudge**" from the Holy Spirit to you? What do you think God was trying to say to you?
4. Michael compared God's presence to a massive tree—always there, solid and grounding, yet we often walk right past it without noticing. What is one thing in this Christmas season (busyness, stress, phone, etc.) that has kept you from "**noticing the tree**"?
5. One theme in Emily and Jonnelle's stories was finding God in a hopeless situation. It is often easier to see God after the crisis is over. Have you ever experienced a moment during a crisis where you felt an unexplainable sense of "**I am not alone**"?
6. The Elders shared their "**Immanuel moments**." If you were up on stage, is there a time in your life you would share where God's presence became real to you?
7. Where do you need "**Immanuel**" most right now? What is one practical way you can cultivate an awareness of Immanuel in the chaos of Christmas week?
8. As a group, close your eyes. Instead of a wordy prayer, picture the "Tree"—the steady, unmoving presence of God—standing right beside you. Sit in this silence for a few moments to simply notice God with you.