

Title: "Interactive Presence of Jesus is "Out of the Box""

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Greetings all,

Just a quick note to ask for input from the wider Immanuel Approach community. I'm consulting with one of the staff from a large church which is wanting to bring the Immanuel Approach into their soul care ministry. This church is conservative evangelical, and many of the congregants tend to approach their faith from a very left-brain perspective.

We are encountering a subtle-but-significant hindrance: the people in this congregation often feel that the whole concept of engaging with the living, tangible, contingently interactive presence of Jesus is "out of the box" (read "strange and uncomfortable," as opposed to "exciting and cool").

I would love to hear from any of you who have found good ways to care for this concern. (I have not spent much time working on this concern because I mostly talk to people who are very much wanting to engage with the tangible, living presence of Jesus, and are contacting me because they want to learn about the Immanuel Approach principles and process for facilitating this.)

Blessings,

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