

## ICEBREAKER

Are you an outside processor (one who has to talk things out) or an inside processor (one who thinks something through in their mind first)?

## TEXT

John 14:25-27

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. For hundreds of years before the birth of Christ, God was silent. Can you imagine how the Israelites processed this during that time span?
2. When has God been silent in your life? Has it ever seemed like God wasn't involved? What do you do in those situations?
3. Has someone ever given you advice knowing that he/she wouldn't always be there with you?
4. Jeremy explained how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help the disciples to be reminded of Him and all that Jesus has done when He's absent. How would you have processed that information if you were in the room with them?
5. Have you ever prayed to the Holy Spirit to help you remember? How can you begin to change the way you pray to include the help of the Holy Spirit?
6. If Jesus commands us in verse 27, "...Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.", how can we obey this commandment? And why is it so hard to do in this day and age we live?

## NEXT STEPS

This Christmas season we pray for peace. We pray that we will take moments of pause. Breath in and out. May we understand that peace is not the absence of conflict; for Jesus overcame the world so we would not have to. Peace comes when we are reminded that God is at work.

## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

