

Icebreaker

What is the calming voice that you remember from your childhood?

Discussion Questions – Spirit of Peace

The Need for Peace

1 Do you agree that inner peace is one of the things 21st century people crave?

● **Read John 14:25-27, John 16:13-16**

2 What peace do you think Jesus talking about in John 14??

3 How does the Spirit's peace compare with the peace people are searching for?

4 What type of information does the Holy Spirit tell us that helps us have peace?

5 What is the map and who is the guide in Tim's illustration? Why is having a personal guide important to us not getting too far off base?

● **Isaiah 9:6 and Luke 2:14, Luke 2:27-36**

6 How do verses like this give you confidence and peace in the Holy Spirit and that what He says is true? (prediction/prophesy and it came true)

Hard tasks, but confidence in Truth

● **Read 1 Samuel 3:1-21, John 16:13**

7 How is the Holy Spirit defined in the John verse?

8 What did the Holy Spirit tell young Samuel?

9 Do you think Samuel had peace when he was telling Eli about what God had told him?

10 In spite of the hard message, why can we be confident in the Holy Spirit's messages?

11 How can we test the messages to see if we have a true message from God?

Other examples of "hard tasks" from God:

Moses and the burning bush

Sarah having a child in her old age

Gideon leading the army against the Midianites

Jeremiah being told the people wouldn't listen

Jonah told to go to Ninevah

Peace, God's way

● ***Read Romans 8:6, Isaiah 26:3, 2 Corinthians 5:17, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Proverbs 3:5-6, Hebrews 4:16, John 10:11***

12 *What are the promises listed in these verses that can help when life's doubts and struggles crowd in on your life? (Listing these on a white board might be helpful)*

Application

13 *Read the 23rd Psalm daily this week and meditate on how the Holy Spirit can help you this week in your daily life. You can also use the list of promises from question 12 in your devotions.*

As always, feel free to make this study your own. These questions are only discussion starters to help you get the conversation going.