

OPEN

Go around and let everyone answer...

Tell about the best counselor you ever had.
What made that person such a great counselor?

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Before Jesus left the earth, he gave some comforting words to his closest followers.

Read John 14:15-18 *"If you love me, you will obey...." (NIV)*

Jesus said he would ask that another counselor be sent. What does this imply about the first counselor?

What did Jesus call the second counselor?

Why will people of the world and disciples of Jesus respond differently to this counselor?

Read John 14:19-21 *"Before long, the world will not see me...." (NIV)*

Why would the world not see Jesus any longer?

How would disciples be able to see Jesus?

What kind of people did Jesus promise to show himself to?

APPLY

When is a time you felt especially close to Christ?

What circumstances make you wish to be aware of the presence of Jesus as a counselor in your life?

What will you do this week to hear from your greatest spiritual counselor?

-GLR

Leaders

Sermon Series

This discussion guide comes from the current lesson in a series about some names of the Messiah recorded in Isaiah 9. One of those names is "Counselor," a word which Jesus also used to describe the Holy Spirit.

Big Idea

This lesson explores ways for us to listen to the guidance of our Lord through the work of a counselor.

Prayer

Pray for openness to listen to the Lord and the courage to obey what he calls you to do.

Group Discussion Reminder

The end of the year is a time that many people think about Christ, even if they do not at any other time in the year. Find someone new to invite to your group, especially if some of your holiday activities include a special meal or celebration.