

- WITH US -

Ice-Breaker:

- **How is it possible to be lonely even amongst family and friends during the holidays?**
- **Share with the group what close relationship(s) you have to help you weather the storms of life.**

Discussion:

1. **Read Isaiah 7:14.**
   - **What do we learn about the Christmas story from this simple passage?**
   - **What is significant about Jesus being called 'Immanuel'?**
   - **How do you respond to knowing God wants to be *with* you?**

2. **Read Acts 4:13.**
   - **What does the writer say is special about the apostles of Jesus Christ?**
   - **How did being *with* Jesus help the apostles to become men of great wisdom and abilities?**

3. **Read Mark 3:14; Matthew 28:20. What does it mean that Jesus is *with us* always?**

4. ***"Just like hunger tells us we were made for food, and thirst tells us we were made for water, our loneliness tells us we were made for God."* What do you think of this observation?**

Application:

- **Are you feeling lonely this holiday season? How so?**
- **Share with the group how you need God to be *with* you in this season of your life?**