

## Small Group material

### Love not fear: Fear of being left alone John 14.15 - 27

**Welcome** What's the best or most surprising invitation you've ever had?

#### Worship

You could listen to:

**He will hold me fast:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=936BapRFHaQ>

or **Spirit Fall:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RS2VldD614>

#### Word

*If you are using these over Zoom, you may find it best to choose just a few of these questions for people to discuss...*

*or, one person can share a few thoughts from this passage before opening the discussion up.*

1. This passage is about the promise of the Holy Spirit coming. Why does God choose to send the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do?
2. Can you describe a time when you knew the presence of the Holy Spirit with you in a particular way?
2. What is the link between obedience and love here? How do we find this in our own lives?
3. How do you feel about the words Command and Obey? What stops us from being obedient to God's command? What would help us to listen to God's command?
4. v 27 describes a peace that is different to the peace the world gives. Where do you look for peace?

5. What does it mean to you for God to make his dwelling in your home? Do you have an aspiration or hope for this?

6. Is there some way you have found particularly helpful to consciously acknowledge God's presence with you at the time of 'lock-down'?

#### Witness

Where do you want to pray for God's peace to invade at this time? Each person could take one area and hold that before God - either out loud or silently.

Circle me, Lord.

Keep protection near  
And danger afar.

Circle me, Lord  
Keep hope within.  
Keep doubt without.

Circle me, Lord.  
Keep light near  
And darkness afar.

Circle me, Lord.  
Keep peace within.  
Keep evil out.

David Adam