Day 1

1. **Read** John 15:18-25 and 16:1-4
   a. Based on what Jesus described, how could this level of persecution happen to Christians in the United States today? *(Please don't use this as an opportunity to position your political views.)*

   b. November 6th is an *International Day of Prayer* for persecuted Christians hosted by Voice of the Martyrs. Please take a few minutes and do an internet search on global Christian persecution. What did you learn?

Day 2

2. **Read** John 16:5-11
   a. What was necessary for the Holy Spirit to come?

   b. Read Ephesians 1:13-14.
      i. Why does God send the Holy Spirit?

      ii. How do you think it is possible for God to have his Spirit live inside of us without us becoming God?

   c. How does the Holy Spirit work through believers to convict the world?

   d. How can we lead people away from Jesus when we are trying to convict them of their sin?

Day 3

3. **Read** John 16:12-15
   a. What exactly does the Holy Spirit give to believers? What are some examples of each?

   b. From this text, how might you know when something has NOT come from the Holy Spirit?

   c. What do you think would obstruct or hinder the Holy Spirit working through you?

Day 4

4. **Read** John 16:16-33.
   a. Jesus said to his disciples, "*No one will take away your joy*". How have you allowed other people to take away your joy?

   b. What is something in your life that brought you deep grief, but then transformed into something that led to great joy?

   c. How has Jesus overcome the world and removed your reasons for anxiety or fear?