



- When God Seems Silent -

Ice-Breaker:

- **What is something you are currently praying for that God has not yet answered? How have you handled this prayer not being answered?**

Questions:

Read Mark 11:24-25 & 1 Peter 3:7

- 1. These two passages seem to indicate how we treat others has some effect on our prayers. What do you think the connection might be?**
- 2. Has your ability to pray ever been affected by your relationships?**

Read James 4:3

- 3. Describe a time when you prayed for something but your motives may have been less than pure. How did God respond to your prayers?**

Read James 1:6-7

- 4. How would you rate the degree of faith you currently have in God's ability to answer prayers: High, low or in between? Why?**

Read 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

- 5. What does the fact that God didn't remove Paul's "thorn," but chose to use Paul's weakness to demonstrate his own power tell you about God's priorities?**
- 6. How could the story of Paul's "thorn" strengthen your faith when God seems silent?**

Application:

With your group pray for any requests that may have left you feeling confused, uncertain or even unheard. Be open and honest with God. He can handle it. Ask Him to help you examine your heart, your motives and your faith. Ask Him for a willingness to hear His answer, whatever it may be, and to trust in His goodness and His wisdom.