



Discussion Guide for “Where God Speaks” -- *Is This On?* Week 1

So many well-meaning people have the idea that when good things happen in their lives it means God is near them. And they also subscribe to the opposite notion that when bad things happen in their lives, when their lives are chaotic, it means that God is far away. What Genesis 1 shows us is that even when life is dark, and chaotic, that God's Spirit is right there. Jesus demonstrates this at his baptism in Mark 1. When Jesus approaches the waters of Baptism and submits to the baptized, God's Spirit shows up and God speaks. Chaos then provides an opportunity to for us to stop and listen, because God is speaking.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Genesis 1:1-5](#)

[Mark 1:4-11](#)

[Psalm 29](#)

[Psalm 104](#)

[Acts 19:1-7](#)

Questions for Discussion

1. Share about a time in your life when it was very chaotic.
2. What does "flailing" look like in your life?
3. Jesus joins the people of Israel in a baptism of repentance. How have you seen repentance used in the past? How might you participate in repentance for corporate sins?
4. What does stopping and listening look like for you?