

Discussion Guide for "Why God Speaks" -- Is This On? Week 4

When confronted with the possibility that God is speaking to us, many of us are afraid. We're convinced God's call on our life is at odds with what we want for ourselves. Others are apathetic – we're not convinced God is able to achieve the plans God has for us anyway, so what's the point? We see in the person of Jesus that God is speaking to us to give us true life, to restore us to our true selves and to transform us into agents of healing in the world.

Scriptures for Further Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
Mark 1:21-28
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Hebrews 12:18-28

Questions for Discussion

- 1. When you think of God speaking to you, do you tend toward anxiety or apathy? Why?
- 2. Why was Israel afraid to hear God's voice? Can you relate to their fear?
- 3. Jesus proves his effectiveness by casting out demons and healing. How does this speak to the apathy many feel today towards God?
- 4. "God calls us to become our truest selves." This statement is at odds with what many of us think God wants for us. What does it mean?
- 5. What does it mean to claim that Jesus is the fullest revelation of who God is? What implications does that statement have for our daily lives?
- 6. What has God been saying to you during this series? How are you responding?