



Discussion Guide for “What’s in a Name?”

Can You Hear Me Now? Week 2

What labels do you carry in your soul? For good and bad, we all have many identities we’ve taken (or been given) by people in our lives. We begin to inhabit these identities, to take on the labels as who we are, even when they are toxic. The stories of Abraham and Simon (whose nickname is Peter) demonstrate how we discover who we truly are: by following the one who knows us fully and truly.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16](#)

[Psalm 22:23-31](#)

[Romans 4:13-25](#)

[Mark 8:31-38](#)

[Revelation 3:1-13](#)

Questions for Discussion

1. What’s the best nickname you’ve ever had? What’s the worst?
2. What labels or roles bring you life? Which are toxic?
3. What did Abraham’s changed name represent? How do you think this struck him?
4. Jesus calls Simon the Accuser. What was Simon’s problem? Why was *following* Jesus Simon’s antidote?
5. What new name do you need to receive? What does it look like for you to follow Jesus this week?