



Discussion Guide for 4'33" by John Cage

Top 10 Songs – Week 11

Though faith begins as an exciting journey, it often crystallizes into legalism. We become convinced God only works through particular, narrow forms of faith. John Cage's unique musical experiment, 4'33" is the soundtrack for Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus in John 3. Jesus offers a frame for our lives - we can see everything as spiritual. Every aspect of our lives is a venue for the new life Jesus gives us.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[John 3:1-8](#)

[Acts 17:27-28](#)

[Colossians 1:15-18](#)

[1 Kings 19:10-12](#)

[Psalm 139](#)

Questions for Discussion

1. How much of your life is quiet? Do you find silence easily?
2. Why did John Cage write 4'33"? How is it a protest song?
3. Where do you see religion getting closed in?
4. How does Jesus provide a frame for our lives?
5. What does it look like for you to seek out silence this week?