



## Discussion Guide for The Stranger God

### *The Way, Way Back* Week 2

Why do strangers make us so uncomfortable? Abraham's strange encounter with God in Genesis 18 offers a picture of hospitality that's radical and challenging: our hospitality is an act of worship. God often comes to us as a stranger because we have something to learn from these strangers. How can we learn to worship through our welcome?

#### Scriptures for Further Reading

[Genesis 18:1-10](#)

[Genesis 19:1-13](#)

[Ezekiel 16:46-50](#)

[Hebrews 13:2](#)

[Revelation 3:20-22](#)

#### Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Genesis 18:1-10](#).

#### Questions for Discussion

1. What's your general attitude toward strangers? Do you consider yourself very hospitable?
2. JR. said that, in Genesis 18, Abraham's hospitality was an act of worship. What did he mean by that? Have you ever considered hospitality to be worshipful?
3. What does it mean that there are things we can only learn about God from people who aren't like us? Do you find this idea exciting or challenging (or both!)?
4. What does hospitality look like for you personally? For the Church? At a cultural level?
5. How will you practice hospitality this week?