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Finding a relationship with God

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## Discussion Guide for “The Limits of Experience”

### *Rooted* Week 3

Our personal experience of God is essential to our relationship with God, but everyone's experiences are different. How can we know whether our experience of God is authentic and valid, or whether we're just talking to ourselves? Paul insists we need to draw close to each other in community. A personal experience of God requires a communal experience of God.

#### Scriptures for Further Reading

[1 Corinthians 14:26-33](#)

#### 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 [1 Corinthians 14:26-33](#).

#### Questions for Discussion

1. Have you ever had an experience of God you questioned? What about a story someone else shared that you wondered about?
2. Why is personal experience a good source of knowing God? How can it be dangerous?
3. Review 1 Corinthians 14:26-33. Describe what one of the Corinthian worship gatherings probably felt like when Paul wrote to them. How were they an example of the dangers of personal experience?
4. What is Paul's advice to them? What does that tell you about personal experience?
5. Who in your church community helps you frame your experiences of God?