



Discussion Guide for “Fear & Peace”

Decoder Ring Week 2

Misunderstandings cause a lot of friction in our lives. But bad communication isn't always the culprit - sometimes we just don't know how to use the right language. Could the same be true of faith, too? Is it possible that God is speaking to us in a way we can learn to hear, a way that's accessible and transformative for humanity? What does that sound like?

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. Get a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is John 20:19-29.

Questions for Discussion

1. Can you think of a time you've had to change your communication style to accommodate the person to whom you were speaking? What made that challenging?
2. Return to John 20:19-23. This is Easter evening. Put yourself in the room with the disciples. How do you think they were feeling? What would have been running through your mind?
3. When Jesus appeared, what emotions and thoughts did they disciples have? How would you have reacted?
4. Jesus says, “Peace.” What are the implications of this blessing over the disciples?
5. Jesus gives them the Holy Spirit by breathing on them. This is John's reference back to Genesis 2:7. Why does John tell the story this way?
6. What does it look like for Jesus to speak peace over you this week? Over Catalyst?