

# Suggestions for Use

**These** essays are great for Christian education, small group ministry, or other discussion groups. Different perspectives from around the church offer a rich variety of reflections on scripture connecting with God is still speaking, They will stimulate thought and conversation about the subjects brought forward by the the television ad running in spring, 2006.

If you have a DVD and TV or video projector, you might show the television ad. Copies on DVD or VHS may be ordered online at the Stillspeaking Store or from UCCR at 800.537.3394.

## **If you have one session.**

Lead a one-session discussion based on *Ejected, Rejected, Repentant and Reformed* by Lillian Daniel, a United Church of Christ Pastor at the First Congregational Church in Glen Ellyn, IL. This article lends itself to a discussion of Matthew 7:1-3, Jesus' words about judging others. Provide a copy of the essay in advance or allow a little time to read it before tackling the discussion questions which accompany the article.

If you have more time, follow with *Spring's Hottest Trend: Glasses* by Heather Iriye, young adult volunteer staff with The Stillspeaking Initiative. Use the discussion questions which accompany the article.

## **If you have more than one session.**

Each of the articles in the series could be the focus of a discussion when you have more than one time to meet. While the articles can be discussed in any order, one possibility would be:

*A Church for All People* by Janet L. Parker

*The God is still speaking Ad* by Walter Brueggemann

*Discerning the Will of God through Inclusion and Affirmation* by Cain Hope Felder

*Dios Nos Sigue Hablando* by Jorge Morales

*Ejected, Rejected, Repentant and Reformed* by Lillian Daniel

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Two of the Bible passages which appear in the articles are used by more than one author. These passages each lend themselves to a one session discussion using the questions from the appropriate articles.

### **Week 1**

Acts 10 – Peter and Cornelius

*A Church for All People* by Janet L. Parker

*The God is still speaking Ad* by Walter Brueggemann

### **Week 2**

Matthew 7:1-3 – Judging Others

*Discerning the Will of God through Inclusion and Affirmation*

by Cain Hope Felder

*Ejected, Rejected, Repentant and Reformed* by Lillian Daniel

Bible Passage	Topics	Mentioned in article by	Discussion questions
Genesis 2, 6, and 29, 1 Kings 11, and Ruth	References To Families Described in the Bible	Janet L. Parker	✓
Isaiah 56:3-5	The Covenant Extended	Walter Brueggemann	
Matt. 7:1-3	Judging Others	Lillian Daniel Cain Hope Felder	✓
Mark 3:33-35	The True Kindred of Jesus	Janet L. Parker	
Mark 11:17	House of Prayer for All	Cain Hope Felder	
John 8:15	Jesus Judges No One	Heather Iriye	
Acts 10	Peter and Cornelius	Janet L. Parker Walter Brueggemann	✓
Romans 10:12	Salvation is for All	Walter Brueggemann	✓
I Corinthians 7:7-9	Directions Concerning Marriage	Janet L. Parker	
I Corinthians 13	The Gift of Love	Heather Iriye	
Ephesians 4:30-5:1	Rules for the New Life	Walter Brueggemann	
James 2:1	Warning Against Partiality	Cain Hope Felder	
James 4:11-12	Judging One Another	Cain Hope Felder	
Hechos 11:19-26	Iglesia en Antioqua	Jorge Morales	

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