

Using QuakerSpeak Videos for Inreach, Outreach, and Integrating Newcomers



The QuakerSpeak YouTube video series debuted in 2014 as a project of Friends Journal. Watching these short videos about contemporary Quaker issues can launch conversations within small groups or the whole meeting, inviting you to explore themes of worship, leadings, Quaker history, justice and social issues, Quaker practices, and more.

To find all of the videos and learn more about this project, visit www.quakerspeak.com

A downloadable transcript of all of the videos in Season 1, along with discussion questions about each video, can be found here:

<http://quakerspeak.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/QuakerSpeak-Season-1-Transcript-and-Discussion-Questions.pdf>

When sharing these online videos with a group, make sure you have a reliable connection to the internet and speakers to amplify the sound.

QuakerSpeak Videos & Inreach

In many of the videos, Friends from diverse backgrounds discuss vital themes of Quaker faith. Get to know each other on a deeper level by inviting Friends in your meeting to share personal stories from their own experiences.

Recommended videos:

- ✓ The Faithfulness Lecture
- ✓ Quaker Meeting for Worship, Part II: Giving Vocal Ministry
- ✓ Quakers and the Light

QuakerSpeak Videos & Outreach

Because they feature diverse Friends speaking about what it means to be Quaker in their lives today, the QuakerSpeak videos can serve as effective outreach. Consider introducing newcomers to the Quaker Way by posting some of the videos on your meeting's website or sharing them through social media. Or, record short videos of Friends in your meeting reflecting on their experience as Quakers in your community and meeting.

Recommended Videos:

- ✓ What is a Quaker?
- ✓ Who is Quaker Meeting for?
- ✓ What to Expect in Quaker Meeting for Worship

QuakerSpeak Videos & Integrating Newcomers

Use the QuakerSpeak videos to introduce newcomers to themes of Quaker faith & practices. Including meeting members and attenders in these conversations can encourage relationship building and explorations about how each topic is understood and lived within your home meeting.

Recommended Videos:

- ✓ Quaker Silence
- ✓ How Quakers Do Business
- ✓ The Challenge of Sitting in Silence

Sample QuakerSpeak Activity: The Faithfulness Lecture

As a group, watch the QuakerSpeak video *The Faithfulness Lecture* (Search youtube for "QuakerSpeak" and this is the second video in Season One). Discuss your response to the video:

1. How would you describe faithfulness in your own life? Has there been a time when you've received a daunting leading? What was your reaction to receiving a nudge that would take some courage?
2. When Traci felt a nudge to give singing ministry at a large wedding, she gives three excuses before finally giving in and standing up to sing. What are some excuses that you come up with when you are feeling resistant to the leadings of the Spirit?
3. Traci has come up with "The Faithfulness Lecture" as a way to build up her courage when she is feeling resistant to a nudge from the Spirit. What are some tools that you have developed or could develop as a reminder to "live up to the Light that thou hast?"