



Small group discussion questions

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Chapter & verse – Kevin Watson (page 18)

Read Matthew 3:13-17 followed by Kevin Watson's article.

- 1. If you had to sum up the heart of what Jesus is about in one word or phrase, what would you say?
- 2. 'Some Bibles have Jesus' words in red print,' notes Kevin in the first paragraph. Why do you think this is, and do you like the idea?
- 3. Kevin says in paragraph two that Jesus' first spoken sentence brings us to the heart of what he is about. How do you understand that sentence?
- 4. What connection is there between this first saying of Jesus and Psalm 46:10, which Kevin mentions in paragraph three?
- 5. In what ways does the Bible present to us a 'letting-go God', as Kevin puts it in paragraph four? What difference does this make to our understanding of God?
- 6. Can you think of some examples of Bible stories about 'people who are called by God to let go' (paragraph five). Have you felt that call in your own life? If so, when?
- 7. Kevin says in paragraph six that the word we've been looking at can mean 'forgive'. What connections are there between letting be, letting go and forgiving?
- 8. In paragraph seven, Kevin talks about another meaning of the word: 'allow'. What does this add to our understanding of what Jesus is all about?
- 9. The final interpretation of the word that Kevin unpacks in the final paragraph is a call to us. How do you respond to that call?





For further reflection: 'Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Luke 1:38

Prayer: Loving God, who lets go of us like a parent lets go of a child in whom they have confidence, and who eagerly lets go of all the ways in which we have betrayed that confidence, let us become more like you, we pray, and let us be your people, getting your work done. Amen.