Over the last three to four decades, many Americans have embraced a Christian spirituality in which they seek an intimate personal relationship with the supernatural person of God.

How does this generation's understanding of God—so much more intimate and accessible than ever before in our nation's history—become plausible in the lives of the individuals who join these churches? What are people taught, how do they learn to pray, and how do they experience themselves in dialogue with a being who cannot be seen or heard in an ordinary way?

This talk, based on long-term participant observation, gives an anthropological account of how such a God becomes real for people.