

1. In verse 30, Jesus said that this voice came “for your sake”. How then did the people not understand the words which God spoke?
2. How does God speak to us today, and what hinders us from understanding his communication with us? Base your response on Biblical references, such as Acts 7:51, Isaiah 30:21, 2 Timothy 3:16, Psalm 32:8-9, John 14:26.
3. Verses 31-32 mention three spiritual facts which are still active today. What is your understanding of these three spiritual facts, and how do they relate to your life as a Christian today?
4. People could not believe in God (verse 39), because He is the one who caused them to be spiritually blind (verse 40 and Isaiah 6:9-10). Their lack of faith is therefore God’s fault. What is wrong with this argument?
5. Is there a certain area in your personal life where you have hardened your heart to the voice of God? What can you do today to fix the problem?
6. Read verses 42-43. What would drive Christians in Montreal to keep their faith secret? Have you ever done so?

Is “secret faith” acceptable to God? Derive your answer from Biblical references, such from Mark 8 and Matthew 5.