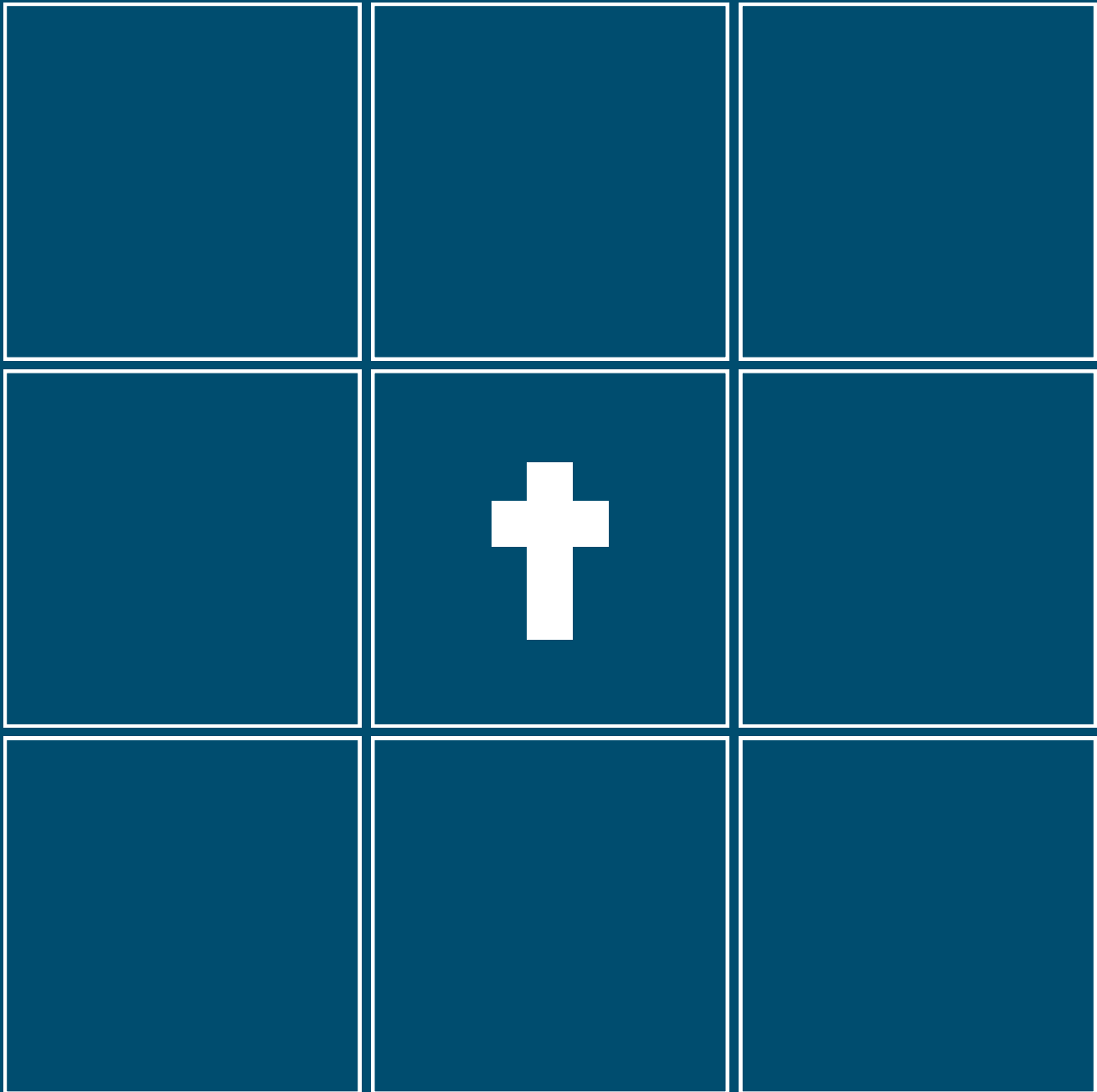


# EVERYDAY EVANGELISM

*Gospel Proclamation*



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## *Small Group Study Guide*

### Overview

**“You are a mess. God is good, and he came for you.”**

This teaching offers a simple but powerful summary of the Gospel. In just a few sentences, it traces the full arc of who we are, who God is, what Jesus accomplished, and what it means to say yes to his invitation. This guide is designed to help your group dig deeper into each part of that story.

### Key Ideas

Use this as a reference throughout your discussion. The Gospel in brief:

1. You are a mess.
2. God is good, and he came for you.
3. In Jesus, he died, rose again, ascended, and sits at the right hand of the Father.
4. He will come again.
5. Your only job is to say yes.
6. When you say yes, you enter his family, embrace his kingly rule, and live in his kingdom.

### Icebreaker

Choose one to open your time together (5–10 min):

1. If you had to summarize the Gospel in one sentence right now, what would you say?
2. When did you first hear the Gospel explained in a way that actually made sense to you? What made it click?

### Watch the Video

### Discussion Questions

#### **Part 1: “You Are a Mess”**

*Key idea: Honest acknowledgment of our brokenness is where the Gospel begins.*

1. How do you respond when someone tells you, “You’re a mess”? Does that feel like an insult, a relief, or something else?
2. Why do you think the Gospel starts with honesty about who we are? What’s lost if we skip this part?
3. In what areas of your life have you most clearly recognized your own need for God?

### **Part 2: “God Is Good, and He Came for You”**

*Key idea: The Gospel is not just information — it is a personal pursuit.*

1. What does it mean to you that God is described as “good”? How have you experienced his goodness personally?
2. The teaching says God “came for you,” not just “for humanity” but for you specifically. How does the personal nature of that claim land on you?
3. How does the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus show us what God is like?

### **Part 3: “Your Only Job Is to Say Yes”**

*Key idea: The Gospel is a gift, and gifts require a response.*

1. The teaching says our “only job” is to say yes. Does that feel freeing or frustrating? Why?
2. What makes it hard to receive a gift, especially one this significant?
3. What does “saying yes” to Jesus look like in practical, everyday life? What does it change?

### **Part 4: A New Family and a New Kingdom**

*Key idea: Saying yes to Jesus means entering into a community and a new way of living.*

1. What does it mean to you that becoming a Christian means joining a family, not just signing up for a belief system?
2. The teaching mentions embracing “his kingly rule.” Where in your life do you find it easy to let Jesus be king? Where is it a struggle?
3. How has being part of God’s family, the church, shaped who you are becoming?

## **Scripture**

Read one or more of these passages together and reflect on how they connect to the teaching:

- Romans 3:23–24 - “All have sinned” (You are a mess)
- John 3:16–17 - God’s love made visible in Jesus (God is good and came for you)
- 1 Corinthians 15:3–6 - The death and resurrection of Jesus (the core of the Gospel)

- Ephesians 2:8–9 - Salvation as a gift (your only job is to say yes)
- John 1:12 - Becoming children of God (entering his family)
- Colossians 1:13–14 - Transferred into the kingdom (living in his kingdom)

## Application

Take a few minutes to reflect individually before sharing with the group.

### Reflect:

Which part of this Gospel summary feels most alive to you right now? Which part feels most distant or challenging?

This week, consider one of the following:

1. Share this simple Gospel summary with someone who doesn't know Jesus. Practice saying it in your own words.
2. Identify one area of your life where you haven't fully said "yes" to Jesus' kingly rule. Pray and take one concrete step.
3. Write out what the Gospel means to you personally, not a theological statement, but your own story.

## Ministry Time

As the Vineyard, we proclaim *and* demonstrate. Let the Holy Spirit speak and minister to your group.

Here are a few ministry time prompts given what you are sensing from the Spirit.

1. Ask for the Holy Spirit to come and be present to your group. Then, ask God to release the gift of evangelism over each one of the group participants by name. Wait for the Holy Spirit to settle and share any additional prophetic words or senses you receive.
2. Speak a 20-second version of the Gospel over your group and ask for the Holy Spirit to make that real and fresh today.
3. Pray for the Holy Spirit to minister where we are a mess, including around sharing the Gospel, and for the Spirit to remove shame and give honor for people simply showing up.

## Closing Prayer

Close your time by praying together. You might use this as a guide:

Father, thank you that the Gospel is simple enough for anyone to receive. Thank you for coming to us in our mess. Help us to keep saying yes, not just once, but every day. Teach us what it means to live in your kingdom, as members of your family. Make us people who carry this good news with joy.

Amen.

## Leader Notes

Tips for facilitating this discussion well:

- This teaching is intentionally simple — resist the urge to over-theologize. Let the simplicity do the work.
- The phrase “you are a mess” can land differently for different people. Create space for honest responses without pushing anyone toward a particular reaction.
- Be attentive to anyone in the group who may be hearing the Gospel clearly for the first time. The icebreaker and Part 3 questions are especially good entry points for spiritual conversations.
- If the group gets into theological debate (e.g., about what “saying yes” means for salvation), gently redirect toward personal response: “What does this mean for how you live this week?”
- End with prayer. The goal is not just intellectual understanding but an encounter with the living God.