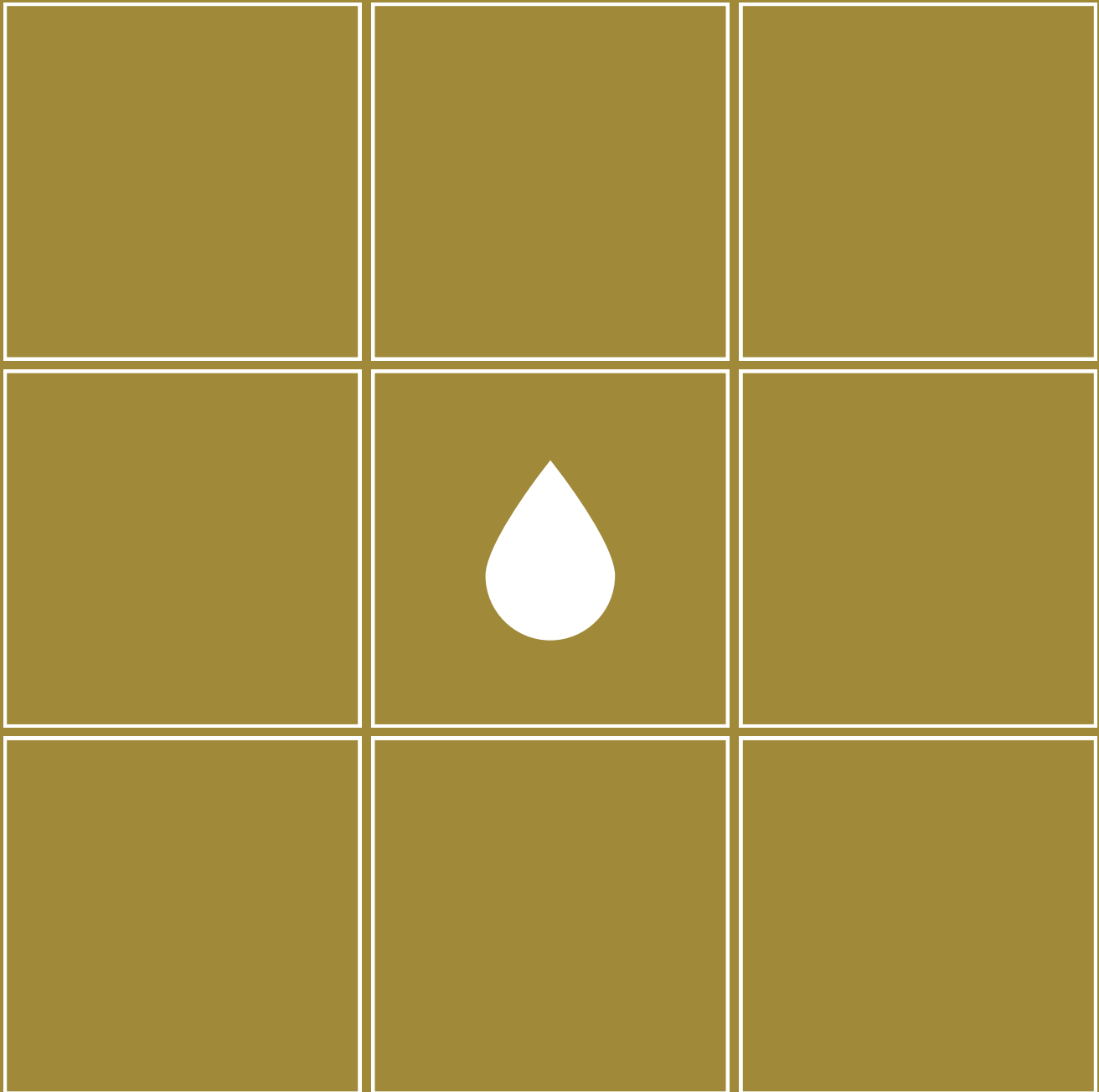


# EVERYDAY EVANGELISM

*Naturally Supernatural*



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# NATURALLY SUPERNATURAL

## *Small Group Study Guide*

### Overview

**“Faith is still spelled R-I-S-K. You take a risk, and you watch what God does.”**

The world is hungry for the supernatural, and people are already looking for it. Tarot cards, psychics, spiritual experiences: the culture is seeking something real. Are they seeking something real from the Church? Only time will tell. The real question raised by this teaching: will followers of Jesus bring the Kingdom they’ve experienced on Sunday into everyday, ordinary moments in their week? This guide challenges your group to close the gap between what happens inside the church and what happens everywhere else.

### Key Ideas

Four movements from the teaching to anchor your discussion:

1. The world is already seeking the supernatural, often more than Christians are.
2. Most people come to faith through experience, not argument. Through a prophetic word, a moment of presence, something they can’t explain.
3. The same kingdom available in a Sunday service is available at the coffee shop, the gym, the golf course, and the grocery store.
4. The gap between knowing this and doing it is mostly a gap of courage. Leaders lead by modeling the risk.

### Icebreaker

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

1. When was the last time God did something that you couldn’t fully explain, not quite a coincidence, more than a feeling, a moment that felt like more than chance? What was it?
2. Have you ever asked a stranger or a coworker, “Can I pray for you right now?” What happened? Or what’s held you back from asking?

### Watch the Video

## Discussion Questions

### Part 1: A World Hungry for the Supernatural

*Key idea: The culture is already seeking. The question is whether we'll show up with something real.*

1. Jay describes a tarot card shop with a line around the block. What does it tell us that people are that hungry for spiritual experiences? What's your response to that?
2. He notes that it's often Christians, not skeptics, who need convincing that the supernatural is real and accessible. Why do you think that is? Have you experienced that tension yourself?
3. Jay observes that younger generations in America are increasingly drawn to supernatural experiences. How does that shape the opportunity in front of the church right now?

### Part 2: How People Actually Come to Faith

*Key idea: Experience opens the door. Explanation comes after.*

1. Jay says most people he's seen come to Jesus did so because of a prophetic word or an experience of God's presence, not because they were argued into it. Does that match what you've seen? What has it looked like?
2. Think about your own story. Was there a moment of experience — something you felt or witnessed — that drew you toward God? What role did that play?
3. If experience is often the on-ramp to faith, what does that say about how we engage with people who are seeking? What does it say about what kind of discipleship might be needed after people decide to follow Jesus?

### Part 3: The Kingdom Is Everywhere

*Key idea: We don't leave the kingdom at the church door.*

1. Jay references John 5:19, Jesus only doing what He sees the Father doing. What would it look like to live that way in your ordinary week? What would you have to pay attention to?
2. He describes the golf course as a place where someone is "sequestered for four hours," a captive opportunity to ask, "What is God doing in this person's life?" What are the equivalent spaces in your life where you already have extended access to people?
3. Where do you personally find it hardest to believe the kingdom is present and available: a particular place, relationship, or context? What makes it feel off-limits?

### Part 4: The Gap of Courage

*Key idea: The barrier isn't theology. It's nerve.*

1. Jay says he can count on one hand the times someone has said no to prayer but he's counted hundreds of yeses. Does that surprise you? What does it do to your hesitation?

2. Jay's message is clear: it's not about your holiness, your preparation, or whether you had a quiet time this week. It's about availability. How does that reframe what's required of you?
3. He says leaders need to model this; they even need to model failure, to give others permission to try. What would it mean for you to lead this way in your context?

## Scripture

Read one or more of these together and discuss how they connect to the teaching:

- John 5:19–20 - Jesus only does what He sees the Father doing (the pattern for kingdom attentiveness)
- Acts 10:1–4 - Cornelius's prayers and the vision Peter receives; God is moving before we arrive
- Luke 10:1–9 - The sending of the 72; healing the sick and announcing the kingdom everywhere
- 1 Corinthians 2:1–5 - Paul's message came not with persuasive words but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power
- Matthew 10:7–8 - "As you go, proclaim... heal the sick... freely you have received, freely give"
- Acts 8:26–40 - Philip and the Ethiopian; God directs us to the people who are already seeking

## Application

Take a few minutes individually before sharing with the group.

### Reflect:

Think of one person in your everyday life, not in a church context, who seems to be seeking something. A coworker asking big questions, a neighbor going through something hard, a friend drawn to spiritual things they can't name. Write their name down.

This week, take one step:

1. Ask God: "What are you already doing in this person's life?" Spend a few minutes listening before you do anything else.
2. Look for a natural moment to ask: "Is there anything I can pray for you about?" or "Can I pray for you right now?"
3. If someone shares something hard with you this week, at work, in a store, anywhere, ask if you can pray for them on the spot. Notice what happens.

4. Share your experience back with your group. What happened? What did you feel? What did God do?

## Group Practice

A way to stretch to a risk outside of your comfort zone:

Decide to meet, as a group, in a semi-public area: a mall, a coffee shop, a park, or a beach. Ask God to highlight someone for you to pray for. Once someone has been highlighted, approach that person with dignity and compassion and ask them if they would like prayer or share that you have an impression for them (if you do). Then have one or two people pray for them out loud — simply, naturally, as if God is right there (because He is). As that encounter ends, briefly reflect:

- What did it feel like to pray in that way?
- What would make it feel more natural to do this outside our church walls?

## Ministry Time

A way to practice together before you go:

Pick one person in your group to practice with. Have them share something real they're facing. Then have someone pray for them out loud: simply, naturally, as if God is right there (because He is). Afterward, briefly reflect:

- What did it feel like to pray or be prayed for in that way?
- What would make it feel more natural to do this outside this small group time?

## Closing Prayer

Close with this prayer, listening to the Spirit for other real-time directives:

God, the world you made is full of your presence. Help us stop leaving it at the door. Give us eyes to see what you're already doing in the people around us. Give us courage to take the risk — to ask, to pray, to show up. We don't need to be impressive. We just need to be available. Use us this week.

Amen.

## Leader Notes

Tips for facilitating this discussion well:

- This teaching is a direct challenge to leaders, not just churchgoers. Be honest about your own hesitation to step out. Your vulnerability will give others permission.
- The observation that Christians often need more convincing than seekers can sting. Let it land rather than softening it. It's meant to provoke honest reflection.

- The Group Practice exercise is the heart of the application. Don't skip it! Actually doing it together, even awkwardly, is more formative than talking about it.
- Jay's point about experience preceding explanation is especially important for groups that tend toward intellectual faith. Help them sit with the question: when did they last expect God to show up somewhere unexpected?
- Follow up next week. Ask: Did anyone take a step? What happened? Accountability and storytelling accelerate courage in a group.