

TALK IT OVER

Seeing The Supernatural

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the questions provided or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions toward the end of the document.

Scriptures

2 Kings 6:15-17

Questions:

1. The supernatural is a hidden realm beyond our sight and touch. In 2 Kings 6:15-17, the servant of Elisha was afraid because he saw an army surrounding the city. However, Elisha prayed that the Lord would open the servant's eyes. When the Lord answered his prayer and opened the servant's eyes, he saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. Would you want to be given the gift to see this realm as Elisha's servant did? Why or why not?
2. We can conclude a miracle occurred if we have solid documentation, such as multiple credible eyewitnesses, there is no reasonable natural explanation, and it occurs in a spiritual environment. What makes an eyewitness credible? What is a spiritual environment?
3. Do you believe miracles still happen? Why or why not? Have you asked God for a miracle? How did it turn out?
4. Deathbed visions are glimpses of the supernatural realm to come and are common among the dying. Why do you think the dying are given vivid pre-death visions? What makes a child's pre-death vision compelling, and perhaps, somewhat easier for people to believe?

5. A near-death experience allows a person who has been clinically dead to experience a brief separation of their spirit and body. What are the differences between the view of the spiritual realm during deathbed visions and near-death experiences? Why do you think God allows certain people to have a deathbed vision or a near-death experience?
6. The mission of angelic beings is to serve and glorify God. They are also to minister to God's people. Do you have a story to share of an angelic encounter, and if so, how did it affect your faith?
7. God frequently uses dreams and visions to further his plans. Share one of the 200 examples in the Bible where God employs this kind of divine intervention. How do mystical dreams further God's plans?
8. After hearing Lee Stobel's message, are you more skeptical or convinced that a supernatural realm exists? How does this make you feel?

Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they felt and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*

Small Group Action Steps

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