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Book Discussion Guide to

LIVING OUT LOUD



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Thank you for joining us on your journey to fulfill the Great Commission. We know that you'll get even more out of this book when you engage the concepts in a small group setting.

Tips for Small Group Leaders

Ask everyone around the group to say their name and an interesting fact about themselves as a warm up at your first gathering. Repeat this process if anyone new joins your discussion group.

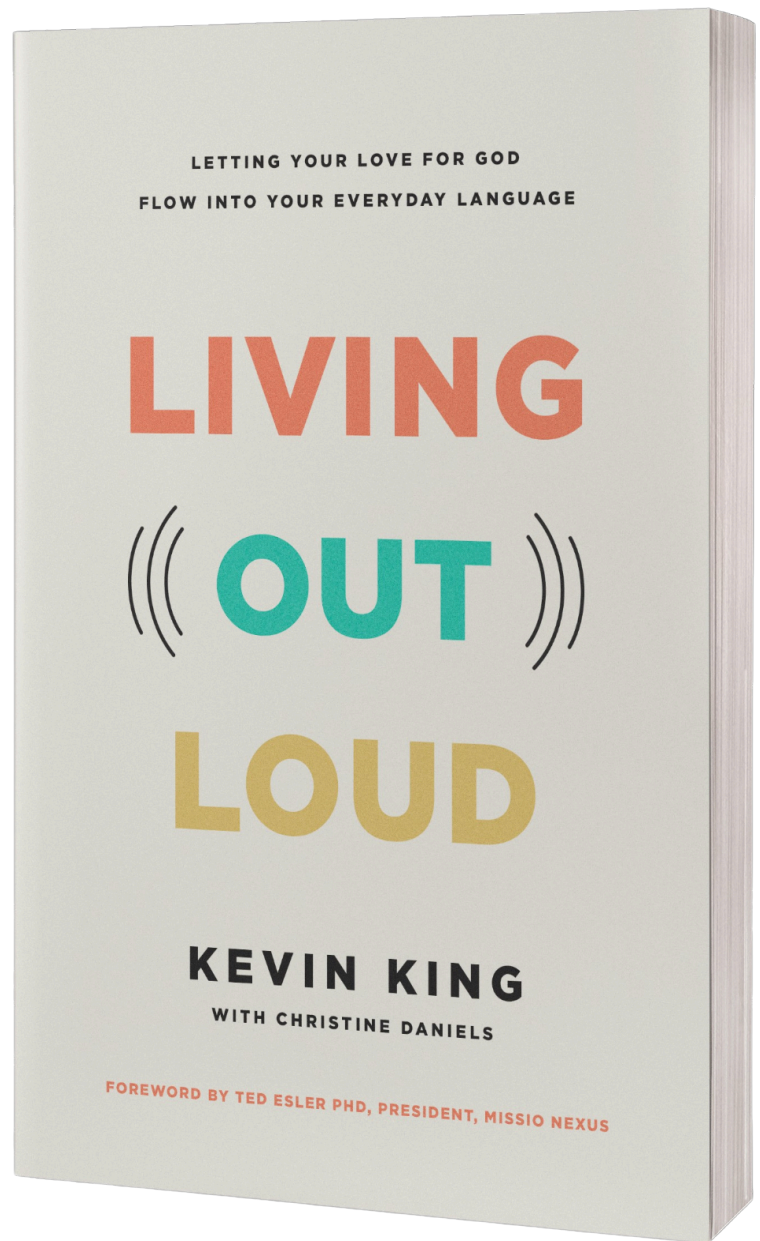
Define at the beginning how you want to spend your prayer time. You can do prayer requests at the beginning or the end of your gathering. You may choose from a few different formats:

- Take general prayer requests
- Spend time praying for particular people as they sow seeds for those they have spiritual conversations with
- Pray over the application questions and how to integrate them into your lives

You'll also want to let people know if you'll hear a person's request and pray immediately, or if you'll wait to pray until the end. Clarify beforehand if you'll have people pray for the person to their right and go around in a circle at the end, or if you'll share and pray in a random order. Either way, make sure you identify who will open and who will close.

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Week 1

Intro Question: What's your favorite food?

In a minute or less, share how you came to faith—whether you grew up attending church or came to faith through a program or relationship.

Coauthor Christine shares an uncomfortable experience where another Christian on a plane tried to share their faith in an awkward, forceful way. Share about a time where you've seen evangelism done poorly and what about it bothered you.

Chapter 1: Living Out Loud

1. Which evangelism hurdle do you identify with more: Finding a natural way to bring Jesus up in conversation, or finding neighbors to share the Gospel with?
2. Kevin claims, "Spiritual people talking about spiritual things naturally leads to spiritual engagement." Does this feel organic for you in conversation? What hurdles do you anticipate?

Chapter 2: A New Type of Person

1. Earlier we asked for your favorite food. Was salt one of the ingredients? How do you see saltiness in your life?
2. Which metaphor about Christians and spiritual engagement appeals to you the most and why: salt, aroma, or light?
3. In Wendy's example riding the subway, she begins by praying asking God to lead her. In what areas of your life can you begin with prayer?

Chapter 3: Today's Harvest

1. Kevin says that based on Luke 10:2, "It means that wherever you are right now there are hundreds, maybe thousands of people all around you who are spiritually open and ready to be receptive to Christ... And they are ready to hear from God!" How does this change your view about living out loud? Have you ever considered that the harvest is plentiful in this way?

Wrap Up

Did anything else stick out to you from these chapters?

Application: For our first application, begin by asking God where He wants to guide you to become more open about your spiritual life and for Him to make that leading obvious. Are there any specific areas or relationships where you can be more intentional about engaging people spiritually?

Week 2

Intro Question: What is a hobby or passion you really love? Take a minute or less to share it with the group.

Chapter 4: Prodigal Farming

1. Kevin claims that many Christians get the order wrong in evangelism saying, "Spiritual receptivity is something we discover as we engage with people, not before we engage with them." Have you tried to assign spiritual receptivity before engaging with someone? Why might you do that?
2. In what situations are you prone to assign receptivity before engaging? How can you challenge these assumptions and approach everyone with an open mind?
3. How does the charge to be like the farmer in Matthew 13 take the pressure off of you? Does it feel freeing that we are called to simply be generous in spiritual conversations?
4. Kevin shares the example of a man offering to pray for a neighbor. How do you feel about simply offering to pray for someone if they share a struggle? Can you imagine what would happen if you offered to pray for others?

Chapter 5: The Spirit Moves Mouths

1. Have you ever had a moment when the Holy Spirit prompted you to speak? Whether or not it was extending the Gospel, share it with the group.
2. How does it make you feel that we have the power of the Holy Spirit in us?
3. How can you cultivate a greater awareness of the Spirit's movement and promptings in your own life?

Chapter 6: Practically Speaking

1. When are you most likely to put a filter on your spirituality? Is it because of fear, insecurity, or something else?
2. Are there any recent situations you've been in where you could have shared a Shema statement? In other words, where you could have said anything that distinguished you as a follower of God in a simple everyday conversation? Reflect on the idea that living out loud is a process and that it's okay if it gets a little weird or uncomfortable at times.

Wrap Up

Did anything else resonate with you from this week's reading?

Application: Let's consider Kevin's words, "Ask God to give you ways to authentically express your spirituality while still being yourself and ask him how you can start using Shema statements in your everyday conversations."

Week 3

Intro Question: What did you learn about evangelism growing up or early on in your faith journey? Was it harmful or helpful?

Chapter 7: Only Time Will Tell

1. Consider Kevin's story about Joanne. Have you ever misassigned someone's spiritual receptivity?
2. Think about a time when you felt hesitant or unsure about engaging with someone spiritually. What held you back?
3. Reflect on any attitudes or beliefs that may need to change in order for you to fully embrace living out loud.

Chapter 8: Divine Appointments

1. What do you think of Anna's story? Can you relate to feeling jealous of the spiritual freedom her friend had?
2. How do you feel about her friend's confidence in God's ability to orchestrate supernatural moments? How does that take the weight and pressure off Christians?
3. How does it help you to reframe divine appointments as something that God does for those who are expectant and available? How does it feel to anticipate that God is working and that He is in control? How does the concept of divine appointments challenge your perception of everyday moments and encounters?

Chapter 9: Collateral Impact

1. How does the idea of God working through not only your conversations, but also working in the hearts of those who overhear resonate with you?
2. How can that help you be more obedient to God's promptings? Kevin concludes the chapter saying "Let's leave the strategizing up to God." Is that easy for you or are you prone to trying to force your own strategies?

Wrap Up

Did anything else strike you from these chapters?

Application: Make a commitment to pray for divine appointments this week. Ask God to make His Holy Spirit promptings obvious to you and to give you the strength to respond.

Week 4

Intro Question: Who is your favorite person? Take a minute to tell the group about your favorite person in the world.

Chapter 10: Selling Jesus

1. Are you more prone to sharing Jesus as a product that you're selling, or making Jesus a position to be agreed with? Or something else?
2. In your own life and experiences, how would you describe Jesus as a person? How do you describe your close personal relationship with Him?

Chapter 11: The Law of the Farm

1. How are you inclined to overcomplicate sharing your relationship with Jesus? Do you get caught up in memorizing scripts or are you more hung up by anxiety? Or another way?
2. Reflect on the idea of being the farmer from Matthew 13, casting seed everywhere without discretion. How can you embrace this approach in your own spiritual engagement?
3. What are some circles or areas of engagement God has given to you that you could be more spiritually open with? What are the relational fields that God has given to you where you can sow spiritual seeds? Maybe these are things you didn't previously consider in your environment or regular habits. Share with the group what fields you walk through each month that have potential for spiritual conversations.

Chapter 12: Follow Receptivity

1. Kevin says that following receptivity is about knowing when to press in and when to be patient. For your personality and temperament, what feels natural for you to share as spiritual seeds from your own life?
2. Does it feel genuine or authentic for you to offer to pray for people, share a Scripture passage, or say what you've been learning lately? Why or why not?
3. Kevin emphasizes that it is our job to cast seed, but it is God's job to bring the increase. Do you find relief that it is just our job to share spiritual things, but not to convert people?

Wrap Up

Did anything else stick out to you from these chapters?

Application: How confident do you feel engaging peoples' spiritual receptivity? Share in the group, and also ask God to help you grow in confidence in this discernment process.

Week 5

Intro Question: What is the worst injury you've ever had? Did you get better?

Chapter 13: The Doorway of Brokenness

1. Have you ever prayed with someone on the spot for healing before? Was it for a believer or an unbeliever? How did it go?
2. Had you ever considered before reading this chapter that offering to pray for someone's healing is a way to demonstrate love and care? Does this suggestion feel natural for you?

Chapter 14: Caving in to Culture

1. Which type of evangelism baggage rubs you the wrong way? What style of evangelism makes you most uncomfortable?
2. Have you ever hesitated to live out loud because you were worried about being stereotyped as rude, judgmental, or out of touch? What kind of evangelism faux pas are you most scared of committing?
3. Which social pressure do you resonate with the most as a barrier to living out loud? Is it acceptance, appropriateness, family roles, a scarce harvest, or something else?
4. What are some ways we can overcome our fear of being spiritually transparent?

Chapter 15: The Evils of Friendship Evangelism

1. Kevin defines "friendship evangelism" as hiding our spirituality in the name of developing friendships. Have you ever tried to build a relationship with someone and filtered out your Christianity initially? How did it go?
2. Have you ever had a relationship that was a bait and switch? Perhaps someone was trying to sell you something? Share how it went with the group.

Wrap Up

Did anything else resonate with you from this week's reading?

Application: Consider again the pressures that we feel when we want to live out loud. Spend some time this week praying honestly before God about those pressures and ask God to remind you the truth of who He is, who you are, and what He is doing around you. Then, pick one of the Scriptures and display it somewhere you will see frequently, like the cover photo on your phone or a sticky note in your bathroom.

Week 6

Intro Question: Do you identify more with being an introvert or an extrovert? Perhaps you feel like an ambivert mix?

Chapter 16: A Sidebar for Introverts

1. Is there a place you frequent that you might start sharing spiritual things like Jeanne at the grocery store? How would you rank your listening skills? What would your friends say about how you listen?
2. What social scenes do you feel the most comfortable in? Talking with people one on one, small groups, or large groups?

Chapter 17: Seeking Daily Intimacy

1. How would you describe your intimacy with God? Does it feel numb and apathetic? Does it feel steady and reliable? Maybe it feels like an overflowing well? What analogy would you use?
2. How can incorporating Shema statements into your daily language help you deepen your relationship with God?
3. Take a moment to practice with the group sharing a moment of God's faithfulness in your life. What is something that happened recently in which you felt God's goodness and love? Could you share this same story with someone who is not a believer?

Chapter 18: A Worthwhile Invitation

1. Have you ever felt bored in your Christian journey? Do you resonate with the idea that forgetting evangelism could have been part of what led to that?
2. Using the appendix in the back, what is a common non Shema statement that you use in conversation? Share about how you could make it into a Shema statement that naturally mentions God.

Wrap Up

Did anything else stick out to you from these chapters?

Application: After reading this book together, what is one small step you hope to integrate into your life going forward? What are a few steps you can take to be more comfortable in expressing your spirituality and making it a natural part of your conversations?

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