

## Unanswered

Week 4: Is the Paranormal Real and Why Is It So Intriguing?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



### RECAP

In this sermon Josh addresses the issue of the paranormal. We look at strong evidence in Scripture for the paranormal and discuss ways to fight back against the spiritual forces of evil in the world.

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1. Have you (or someone you know) ever had a paranormal experience that could not be explained scientifically? If so, share that experience with the group.
2. Read Ephesians 6:12. Josh made the argument that the evidence of the paranormal (angels, demons, etc.) are evidenced throughout the Scriptures. Why is it hard for us to believe in their existence today?
3. Josh asked and answered three common questions about the paranormal. Discuss your thoughts on these questions and talk through your own questions that you have about the paranormal:
  - Demons are present in the Scripture. Are they still present today?
  - Can a Christian be demon-possessed?
  - Why aren't there more demonic manifestations in America today?
4. Josh finished with three next steps for dealing with the paranormal. Discuss these three next steps and answer the following questions:
  - Avoid the extremes. *Would you say you fell into one extreme or the other (avoidance or fascination?)*
  - Choose to fight back. *When's the last time you intentionally engaged in spiritual warfare?*
  - Don't fight naked and unarmed. *How much of the armor of God are you regularly putting on?*

### NEXT STEP

Pick one of the pieces of armor that you know you need to equip better in battle. Discuss with the group and come up with a battle plan on how you're going to fight better this week with that particular weapon or piece of armor.

- Saturate yourself with the truth. *(belt of truth)*
- Live righteously. *(breastplate of righteousness)*
- Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. *(feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace)*
- Choose to actively believe God. *(shield of faith)*
- Fully surrender. *(helmet of salvation)*
- Wield the Word of God as a weapon. *(sword of the Spirit)*