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# Acts 17:22-34 GW

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood  
in the middle of the court and said,  
“Men of Athens, I see  
that you are very religious.

<sup>23</sup> As I was going through your city  
and looking closely  
at the objects you worship,



# Acts 17:22-34 GW

<sup>23</sup> I noticed an altar with this written on it: 'To an unknown god.' I'm telling you about the unknown god you worship.

<sup>24</sup> The God who made the universe and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth.





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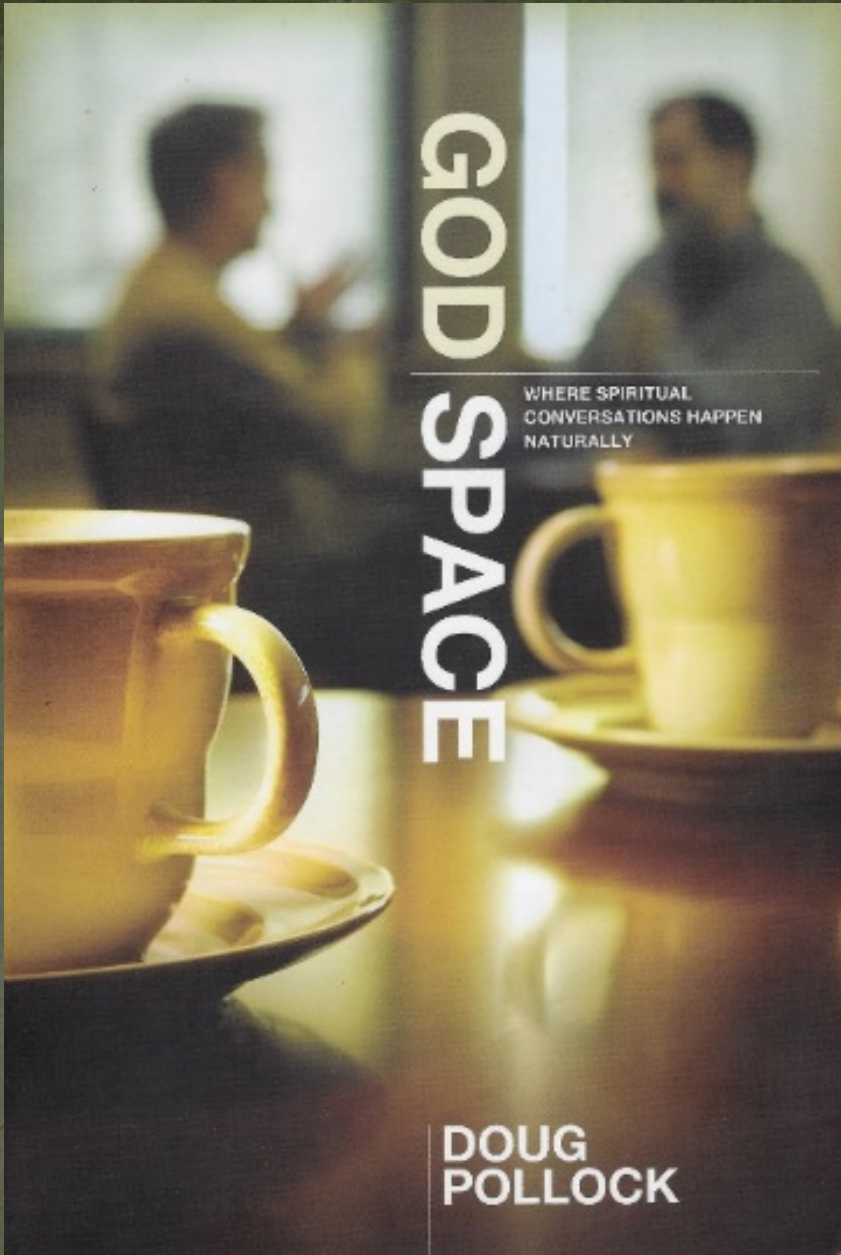




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# GOD SPACE

WHERE SPIRITUAL  
CONVERSATIONS HAPPEN  
NATURALLY

DOUG  
POLLOCK



**Group**  
Real. Bold. Love.

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EQUIPPING YOUR PEOPLE  
TO BE THE CHURCH  
IN EVERYDAY LIFE

FEATURING  
**DOUG  
POLLOCK**  
AUTHOR OF GOD SPACE



# God Space, Doug Pollock

“How to increase  
the quantity and quality of  
your spiritual conversations.”



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“How to naturally create room  
— God Space —  
for spiritual conversations  
to happen in your everyday  
life.”



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the foundation:

love



# Pray these things:

Fill me with your Holy Spirit  
so that I love the world  
like you so love the world  
and gave Your Only Son,  
for it is in His name we pray.  
Amen!



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behavior #1:

serving



# Externally Focused Church:

“Good deeds  
create good will,  
which opens the heart  
to the good news”

~~Rick Rusaw & Eric Swanson~~



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behavior #2:

noticing



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7 volunteers, please



“Be on the lookout!”



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“I firmly believe that if the American church doesn’t grasp the implications of this need for Christians to move out of their comfort zones, 25 years from now we’ll find ourselves in the same spiritual state as Europe and Canada.”



# God Space, Doug Pollock

“... as church attendance continues to drop year after year nationwide...many churches need to face the fact that if they closed their doors tomorrow, no one in the community would miss them.”



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“It’s hard to deny  
that many churches exist  
primarily to keep  
their club members happy.”



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“It’s as if we’ve forgotten  
that the early church  
in the book of Acts  
existed primarily for those  
who were not already  
Christ-followers.”





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“Be on the lookout!”



# Pray this prayer

"Lord Jesus, as I  
interact with others today,  
help me to see them  
as you do."



# Practice People-Watching

Keep a journal of  
the things you do notice



“Be on the lookout!”



# Art / Photo Noticing Experiments





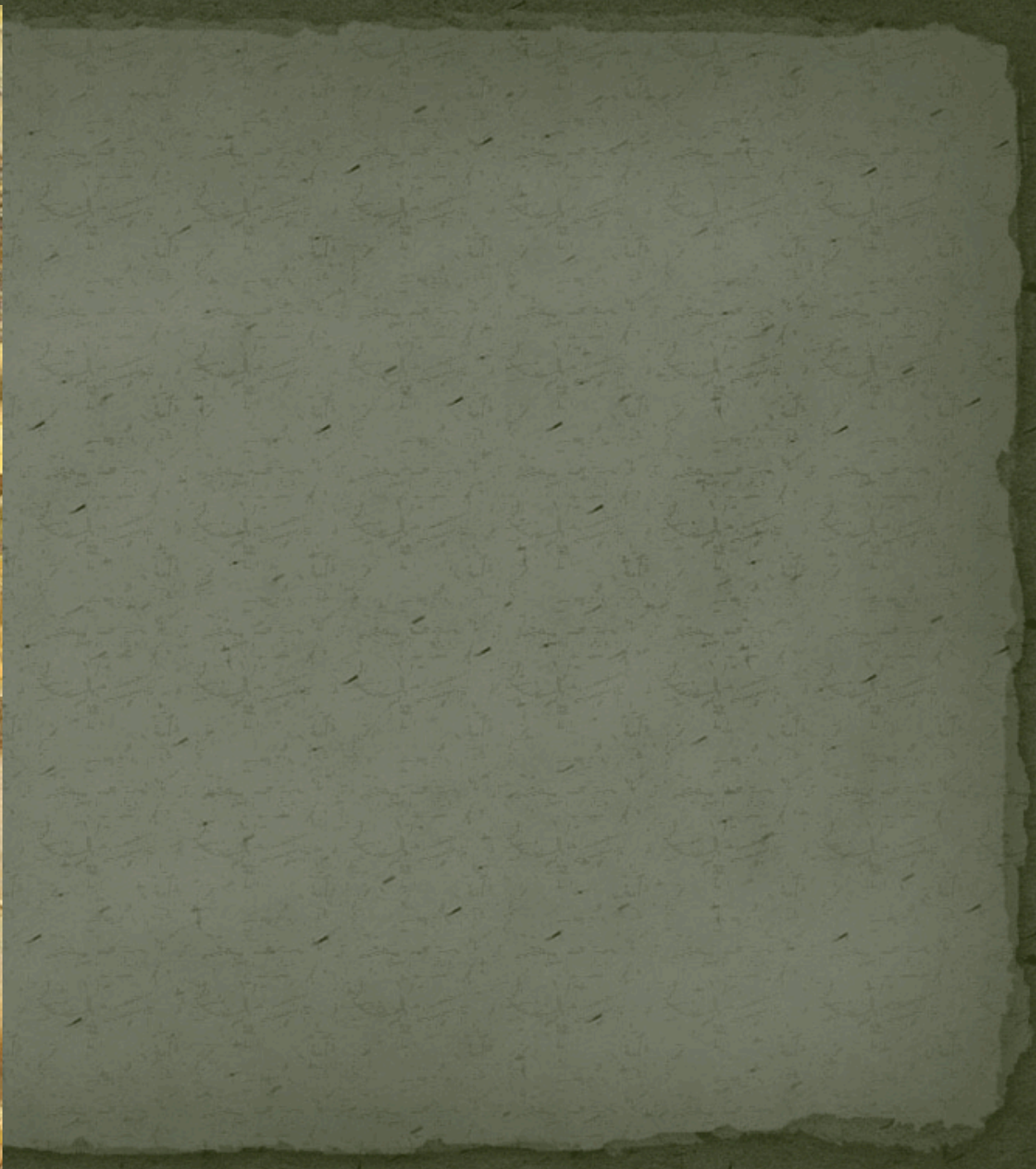










































# Practice People-Watching

With other Christian friends  
go to places where  
Christians are usually absent  
and not-yet Christians  
are out in full force;  
Discuss.



“Be on the lookout!”



# More Prayer

Ask God what  
He'd like you to do  
with what you're noticing.



Serving + Noticing =  
Acts of Surprising Kindness

E: The Laundry Project

E: The Car Wash Project



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Eating out, notice server's  
name

Ask if can pray about anything

Leave a healthy tip.



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