



Encounters Wk 1

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"The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend." Exodus 33:11

Encounter: Here's why we need a fresh encounter with God!

1. We need _____ not just _____. (*1 Cor. 2:3-5*)

2. We need an _____ not just an _____. (*John 9:17, 25*)

3. We need _____ not just _____. (*Romans 8:11*)

Jacob's Encounter

1. A new _____. (*Isaiah 40: 29-31*)

2. A new _____. (*Psalms 16:11*)

3. A new _____.
(*Gen. 32:26-28; Gen. 27:35-36, 2 Cor. 5:17*)

Talk it Over:

“Encounters with the Divine”

Big Idea: The Bible says that Moses and God “met face to face, as a man talks to a friend.” We are all longing to have a genuine encounter with our Creator. When we have that, our lives will never be the same. In this series, we are exploring how God longs to meet with all of us “face to face” & encounter Him daily.

Discussion Questions:

Read John 9:17, 25. Discuss the power of a changed life over a compelling argument. Discuss Jacob’s encounter with the angel in Genesis 32:24-30.

- Why do you think God chose to meet with Jacob in this way?
- When we encounter God, it changes our identity. How has your identity been changed through encounters with Christ?
- How can you daily remind yourself of your new God-given identity & your “old” identity?

Prayer Focus This Week:

God, I want to encounter you to a higher degree than I ever have before. More than any other need in my life, I need more of you. In you, I find new strength, new joy, and a new identity. Today I’m reaching out to you. Will you help me to see you in the details of my life as you’re weaving everything together for good today?! In Jesus Name, Amen.

Next Steps:

- If we’re going to encounter God; we must set aside time to meet with Him. Schedule an appointment in your calendar to meet with Him every day this week.
- Read Philippians 4:6-7. Apply what it says in your daily meeting with God & you’ll encounter His peace in a fresh way this week.
- Commit to praying the “prayer focus” every day this week & share a “God encounter” you’ve had with someone.