



Discussion Guide
Encounters – Part 3
PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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In Encounters, we'll look at ordinary people in Scripture whose lives were changed by a direct encounter with the presence of God. As we lean into the vision of Coram Deo—living before the face of God—we'll discover that God's presence is not meant to be an occasional experience, but the defining reality that shapes every part of our lives.

NEED A RESOURCE, HAVE A QUESTION, OR WANT TO HAVE A CONVERSATION?
Let us know how we can help! Contact your groups director or discipleship@rockbridge.cc

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"Settle it on the front end of your quest to know Him and experience Him: He loves you."
[Henry Blackaby]

ENGAGE & CONNECT ||

What makes a house a home?

BEGIN WITH PRAYER ||

Lord, become our stronghold. Be the place we run in trouble. Be our home where we find rest and peace.

MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE ||

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."
[Joshua 1:9]

BIG IDEA ||

Encountering God once changes us. Encountering God again and again transforms us.

PASSAGE & DISCUSSION ||

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you want to have an encounter with God?
2. Have you or someone you've known encountered God? What happened?
3. What kind of situations does David mention through the psalm that he is trusting God to handle?
4. What are you waiting on the Lord for? What offers have you gotten from other sources trying to get you to settle for less than God's provision?

5. What does David ask for? What of this do you need to ask the Lord for?
6. A big factor in David's relationship with the Lord is time spent singing, in the quiet, in nature, etc. What are the factors in your relationship with the Lord?
7. What are some of the words you'd use to describe how David feels toward God, with this psalm as evidence? Do some of these things seem to contradict each other?
8. How many places or structures are mentioned in this psalm (ie tent, house, etc.)? How can God be a place you stay?

STEP OF OBEDIENCE ||

The presence of God has to be more to us than a one-time event. *It needs to be our dominant reality.*

As you consider your next step, reflect on: 1) How can you make God your home and abide in Him? 2) How can you seek His face?

PRAYER FOCUS ||

"Hear, O LORD, when we cry aloud; be gracious to us and answer us! You have said, 'Seek my face.' Our hearts say to You, 'Your face, LORD, do we seek.' Do not hide Your face from us."