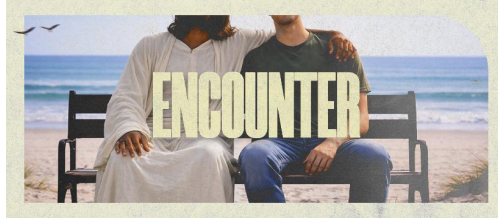


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Icebreaker: What is one unexpected encounter you had this week that left a lasting impression on you?

Group Discussion Questions

1. **Reflect on the Theme of Encounter:** The sermon emphasized that Jesus desires to have an encounter with us. How does this understanding of Jesus seeking us out change the way we approach our daily spiritual practices?
2. **Scripture Reflection:** Matthew 28:18-20 was highlighted in the sermon. How do these verses shape our understanding of the authority of Jesus and our call to make disciples? How can these truths be applied in our community today?
3. **Personal Application:** Have you experienced a "come to Jesus" meeting in your own life? What were the circumstances, and how did it impact your faith journey?
4. **Theological Implications:** The sermon mentioned the dual nature of Jesus as both lion and lamb. How does this duality influence your perception of Jesus' character and His role in your life?
5. **Community Impact:** How can our church community create opportunities for others to encounter Jesus, both within our congregation and in the broader community?
6. **Call to Action:** The sermon encouraged us to "go" and join Jesus in His work. What specific steps can you take this week to actively participate in the mission of making disciples and sharing the Gospel?



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Scripture Exploration

- Read Matthew 28:16-20. What were the disciples' reactions when they saw Jesus? How does this reflect their understanding of who Jesus is?
- Examine Genesis 3:8. How does this early encounter with God set the stage for understanding the desire for divine encounters throughout the Bible?
- In Acts 7:55-56, how does Stephen's vision of Jesus influence his actions and words? What does this tell us about the power of encountering Jesus?

Personal Reflection

- What does it mean that "all authority in heaven and on earth" has been given to Jesus? How should this influence your view of Jesus?
- How do you interpret the dual nature of Jesus as both "lion and lamb"? How does this understanding impact your relationship with Him?
- Consider the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20. What are the implications of Jesus' promise to be with us "to the very end of the age"?

Personal Application

- Reflect on how you can create space in your life for an encounter with Jesus. What practical steps can you take this week?
- Think about your community or church group. How can you collectively seek an encounter with Jesus? What initiatives can you start or join?
- Identify one area of your life where you need courage and humility. How can your understanding of Jesus' authority help you in this area?