



LifeGroups exist to follow Jesus together, build authentic community, and lead others to Him

Sermon: Core Value #3: God Encounters

Michael Goodwin (Sept 7th, 2025)

Series: (Emmanuel Vision Series, Wk. 4)

Primary Scriptures:

Exodus 3:1–6; Luke 8:43–48; 2 Corinthians 3:16–18

Supporting Scriptures:

Jeremiah 29:13; Philippians 3:10; James 4:8

Ice Breaker Question (15 min): *(Ice Breakers build deeper relationships!)*

Share about a moment in your life (big or small) when everything suddenly changed.

Sermon Summary:

Every one of us knows what it's like to look back and say, "that was the moment everything changed," and if a single moment in life can alter everything, then imagine what one moment with God can do. That's why this core value matters so much: God Encounters: We pursue authentic God encounters, which transform us and strengthen our faith. Moses was just a forgotten shepherd until he turned aside to see a burning bush, and that one encounter changed his destiny forever. A desperate woman pressed through the crowd and touched the hem of Jesus' robe; in that moment, her life was healed and restored. And Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians that when anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away, and we with unveiled faces can behold the Lord's glory, being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory. That means we don't just read about encounters in Scripture, but we are invited to live them, to experience His presence, and to be changed by His Spirit today.

Group Discussion Questions (30 - 45 Minutes)

1. Have you ever had what we would call a God Encounter? Share that experience (briefly)
2. Read 2 Corinthians 3:16-18. According to these verses, what would it look like in your life to be "transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory"?
3. The woman pressed through the crowd in desperation and faith. When have you had to push past obstacles, fear, or doubt to reach out to Jesus? What happened?
4. Pastor Michael asked: "If we say we believe God is real, do we actually expect to meet Him?" How would you answer honestly?

Prayer Time (15 min):

Break into smaller groups, read the following instructions, and pray for one another.

- Pray for each other to experience God's presence in personal and life-changing ways.
- Pray for those who feel "stuck in routine" like Moses, asking God to reignite His calling and purpose in their lives.