

WEEK 1 | TRANSFORMED ENCOUNTER (Pt 2)

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Verses: John 6:22-25

Transformed Encounter is a journey through the Gospel of John revealing that every true encounter with Jesus brings both revelation and transformation—He doesn't just meet people where they are; He changes who they become. This series calls us not just to study Jesus, but to encounter Him personally—so our identity, allegiance, and daily living are reshaped by His presence.

ICEBREAKER

- What's something that you've really gotten into lately? (*a show, hobby, sport, restaurant, sport, etc.*)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Reflecting on this weekend's message, what was one takeaway from Sunday?

2. **What are we really hungry for?**

- The crowd went looking for Jesus after experiencing the miraculous feeding. What are some things we can pursue—success, comfort, recognition, security, relationships—even while convincing ourselves we're pursuing Jesus?

Life Application: What we consistently crave will eventually shape the way we live. Following Jesus means allowing Him to transform not only our behavior but our deepest desires.

Challenge: Identify one appetite competing with your hunger for Jesus right now. Name it honestly before God this week.

3. **Do I want Jesus—or what Jesus can do for me?**

- The crowd wanted to find Jesus, but their motives would soon be exposed (vv. 26–27). In what ways can our relationship with Jesus become transactional—following Him primarily because of what we hope He will do for us?

Life Application: Mature faith learns to trust and desire Jesus even when He doesn't give us the outcome, answer, breakthrough, or blessing we hoped for.

Challenge: Spend time with Jesus this week without asking Him for anything. Simply worship, listen, and enjoy His presence.

4. **What does my pursuit reveal about my appetite?**

- The crowd went to great efforts to find Jesus. Our schedules often reveal what we genuinely hunger for. If someone examined your last seven days, what would they conclude you are most hungry for?

Life Application: Our appetites are strengthened by what we continually feed them. If we constantly feed distraction, comparison, entertainment, or ambition, our hunger for God can become dulled.

Challenge: Examine your calendar and screen time this week and remove or reduce one thing so you can intentionally create more room for Jesus.

5. **Where does Jesus need to transform my appetite?**

- The crowd was looking for another meal, but Jesus wanted to awaken a deeper hunger for the **Bread of Life**. Where might Jesus be inviting you to move from craving something temporary to desiring something eternal?

Life Application: Transformation happens when Jesus changes not simply **what we do**, but **what we want**. A transformed life begins developing a transformed appetite.

Challenge: Begin each morning this week praying: **"Jesus, transform my appetite. Teach me to hunger for what You hunger for and desire what You desire."**

PRAYER: Share requests and celebrate praise reports. Take time for your group to pray for however long is needed.

