

WEEK 6 | TRANSFORMED ENCOUNTER (Pt 2)

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Verses: John 11:1-44

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 His presence reshapes our identity, allegiance, and daily living.

ICEBREAKER

- What's the biggest obstacle you've had to overcome lately? (*at home, work, school, etc.*)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

2. TRUST IN THE DELAY — John 11:5–6

Jesus loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, yet He deliberately waited. Where in your life are you struggling with God's timing right now?

How can you choose to trust His character when you don't understand His timing?

Life Application: Identify one situation where you need to replace “*God, why haven't You?*” with “*Jesus, I trust You even while I wait.*”

3. BELIEVE IN THE PAIN — John 11:21–26, 35

Martha knew what Jesus could do, but Jesus challenged her to believe more deeply in who He is: “*I am the resurrection and the life.*”

How can disappointment, grief, or unanswered prayer distort the way we see Jesus?

Life Application: Bring one disappointment honestly to Jesus this week without allowing it to determine what you believe about Him.

4. MOVE THE STONE — John 11:38–41

Jesus told them, “*Take away the stone.*”

What “stone” might you be keeping in place—fear, pride, secrecy, bitterness, control, or an unhealthy habit—that prevents Jesus from accessing an area you've buried?

Life Application: Name one practical action you can take this week to stop protecting what Jesus wants to transform.

5. COME OUT & TAKE OFF THE GRAVE CLOTHES — John 11:43–44

Lazarus received new life, but he still came out wearing grave clothes.

What old attitudes, habits, relationships, thought patterns, or identities are you still carrying that don't belong in the life Jesus is calling you into?

Life Application: Finish this sentence and share it if appropriate: “Jesus is calling me out of _____ and into _____.”

Closing Challenge: What *stone* in your life is holding you back from experiencing Jesus more fully and engaging with meaningful relationships more fearlessly? How would your life look differently if that *stone* was removed?

PRAYER: Share requests and celebrate praise reports. Take as much time as your group needs to pray.

