

WEEK 11 | TRANSFORMED ENCOUNTER (Pt 2)

Date: October 18, 2026

Verses: John 15:1-17

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 something you've tried to grow or keep alive (a plant, a hobby, a sourdough starter, etc.) that didn't go quite as planned?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

2. **Staying Connected** — John 15:4–5

Jesus says, "Apart from me you can do nothing." What are some areas of your life where you tend to operate in dependently of Jesus rather than relying on Him?

Life Application: What one practical change could you make this week to prioritize your relationship with Jesus over the busyness of life?

3 **Embracing the Pruning** — John 15:2–3

Jesus teaches that God prunes fruitful branches so they become even more fruitful. What might God be asking you to surrender, remove, or change in this season of your life?

Life Application: Identify one habit, distraction, attitude, or priority that may be limiting your spiritual growth. What will you do about it?

4. **Obedience Is Evidence of Love** — John 15:9–11

Jesus connects remaining in His love with obeying His commands. Why do you think it's possible to know what Jesus teaches but struggle to actually live it out?

Life Application: Where is Jesus challenging you to move beyond simply knowing His Word to actively obeying it, even when it's uncomfortable?

5. **Producing Lasting Fruit** — John 15:12–17

Jesus commands us to love others as He has loved us and calls us to bear fruit that lasts. If those closest to you evaluated your life, what evidence would they see of Jesus transforming you?

Life Application: Who is one person you need to love more intentionally or sacrificially this week? What specific action will you take?

Closing challenge: *What's one thing you need to let go of this week to make more room for Jesus in your life? What practical step will you take to stay connected to Him?*

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

