

WEEK 5 | TRANSFORMED ENCOUNTER (Pt 2)

Date: September 6, 2026

Verses: John 10:1-18

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. **Whose voice is loudest?** — John 10:3–5

Jesus says His sheep “know his voice” and follow Him. What competing voices—culture, fear, approval, ambition, comparison, past experiences—are currently influencing you most?

Life Challenge: Identify one voice you need to turn down this week and one practical way you can intentionally turn up the voice of Jesus.

3. **Where are you looking for life?** — John 10:9–10

Jesus says, “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” What are you tempted to believe will give you the life only Jesus can ultimately provide—success, money, relationships, comfort, pleasure, recognition?

Life Challenge: Complete this sentence honestly:

“I'll finally be happy when _____.”

What would it look like to surrender that expectation to Jesus?

4. **Do you trust the shepherd when his way isn't your way?** — John 10:11–15

The Good Shepherd knows His sheep, stays when danger comes, and leads because He cares for them. Where is following Jesus currently difficult because His direction conflicts with what you want?

Life Challenge: Identify one act of obedience you've been delaying and take a concrete step this week.

5. **What are you still holding back?** — John 10:11, 17–18

Jesus repeatedly says He willingly “lays down” His life for us. If the Shepherd has already demonstrated His love through the cross, what area of your life are you still struggling to trust Him with?

Life Challenge: Name it specifically—relationship, future, finances, sexuality, career, forgiveness, control, family, calling—and pray:

“Jesus, You gave Your life for me. I choose to trust You with _____.”

Closing Challenge: What would actually change this week if Jesus—not fear, culture, comfort, or your own desires—was truly leading your life?

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

