

WEEK 8 | TRANSFORMED ENCOUNTER (Pt 2)

Date: September 27, 2026

Verses: John 13:34-35

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. **Receive His Love — John 13:34**

Jesus says, "*As I have loved you...*" How deeply do you believe and live from the reality that Jesus loves you?

Challenge: Identify one area where shame, insecurity, or failure is defining you more than Christ's love. What needs to change?

3. **Love When It Costs — John 13:34**

Jesus loved people who would fail, deny, and betray Him. Who is difficult for you to love right now?

Challenge: Choose one practical action this week—serve them, encourage them, initiate a conversation, or pray for them.

Love must move beyond intention into action.

4. **Deal With What's in Your Heart — 1 Corinthians 11:28**

Communion calls us to examine ourselves. Is there someone toward whom you are carrying resentment, bitterness, or unforgiveness?

Challenge: Stop waiting for them to make the first move.

What step toward forgiveness or reconciliation is Jesus asking you to take?

5. **Become the Evidence — John 13:35**

Jesus said the world would recognize His disciples by how they love one another. If people watched your relationships, would they see evidence of Jesus?

Challenge: Identify **one relationship where your love needs to become more like Jesus—more patient, forgiving, serving, or sacrificial—and do something about it this week.**

Closing challenge: *We come to the table remembering how Jesus loved us. We leave the table committed to loving others the same way.*

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

