

Authentic encounter: through word and spirit

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Scripture

1 Thessalonians 4-5,

Acts 2:v1-4, v42-47

Acts 4:31-32, Acts 5:1-11, Acts 6:1-7

Ephesians 2:v4-10

Galatians 5:13-24

Summary

Tom shared as part of our miniseries looking at the values of our church: Authentic encounter, family and mission. This week was about how part of being a Christian is not just to think about God, but to literally encounter Him. We looked at how the apostle Paul encountered the Holy Spirit, which allowed him to serve with integrity.

Three key aspects were highlighted:

- See the serving family
- Sit and allow our Father to serve us
- Walk and serve like Jesus

Questions for discussion

1. What do you think it means to be dedicated to being together in the context of the local church?
2. In the readings in Acts 4-6 what do you think we can learn from the church's history?
3. In our lives we could fall into two extremes in our attitudes towards serving others: having a consumer mentality, or being someone who says yes to everything and is overstretched. Which do you more identify with?
4. What do you think God's heart is towards us in terms of how he serves us?
5. In your life, what does it mean to you to "walk with the spirit"?
6. How can we check our hearts in our attitude to how we serve those around us?
7. Are there new areas in church that you would like to get involved with helping?

Tags

Serving, Holy spirit, Joy