



Encounter Information



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Dear Friend in Christ,

Welcome to the upcoming Encounter Weekend. We are glad you've joined the Grow I "Journey to Freedom" class. Through this Encounter weekend, God will do amazing things in your life.

You might be wondering, "What is an Encounter Weekend"? An Encounter weekend welcomes the presence of God and, in turn, offers the opportunity to completely change your life. If you choose to say yes, God will say yes, I want to help you change. All of us have experienced significant milestones or encounters in our lives. To name a few, such as falling in love, getting married, being accepted into a university, or obtaining a job, but of all the encounters we could have, the most important is an encounter with the living God! Matthew 16:26 says, "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet loses his soul?"

The Encounter Weekend presents a series of personal teachings coupled with life experiences. These teachings guide you through the life-changing work of Christ in you to manifest change in all who participate. It offers people an environment and opportunity to discover how to establish their relationship with God, fellowship with Him, and commit to His Lordship. Participants experience forgiveness of sin, deliverance from bondage, emotional and physical healing, and restoration of worth and value. They also learn how to walk in the blessings of a covenant relationship with God and His family.

Being a Christian means having a real-life relationship with God that touches every area of life. The Bible gives us many examples of people who experienced that and were radically transformed by their encounters with the Lord Jesus. Remember the stories of the Samaritan woman (John 4:5-29), Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10), the Gadarene demoniac (Matt. 8:28-34), and all the Disciples of Christ. After these people encountered the Lord Jesus Christ, they were never the same again. Consequently, we can be assured that we will never be the same when we encounter Him.

We pray that everyone attending the Encounter will seize the opportunity to experience God. The results will be manifested in transformed lives – lives that are saved, forgiven of sin, set free, and healed by the power of the living God, Jesus Christ, the Lord!

Our main purpose and goal at the Encounters are to see you SET FREE and for you to walk in your NEW FOUND FREEDOM for the rest of your life. Come expecting God to do great things in your life. Tell God what your desires are, something you want to be changed, and things you've tried before to change but never lasted. During the Encounter, there will also be a time for the leaders to minister to you with Word and prayer. To proclaim with you the Freedom that God has for you. **John 10:10 "I (Jesus) have come that they (everyone) might have life and might have it more abundantly (to the fullest)."**

When we are obedient and willing to submit to God and His will for our lives, the changes that will take place in us will be visible and evident to all who know us. Those changes come because of our obedience and submission to God. We look forward to ministering to each of you this weekend!

We challenge you to come expecting freedom. Make a list of your expectations and allow God to set you Free



Tentative Schedule **Encounter Weekend**

Friday

5:00pm Arrival time & Sign-in
5:30pm Dinner
6:15pm Welcome
6:45pm Fill Out Ungodly Beliefs
Profile
7:00pm Worship
7:10pm Ungodly Beliefs
7:40pm Ministry Time
8:10pm Break
8:20pm Generational Sins
8:50pm Ministry Time
9:20pm Break
9:30pm Small Group
10:00pm Dismiss

Saturday

8:00am Breakfast
8:30am Group Leaders Meeting
8:50am Worship
9:00am Sexually Purity
9:30am Ministry Time
10:15am Break
10:30am Inner Healing
11:00am Ministry Time
12:00pm Lunch
1:00pm Worship
1:10pm The Cross
1:45pm Ministry Time
2:15pm Small Group
2:45pm Break
3:00pm Deliverance
3:30pm Ministry Time
4:30pm Burn Profiles
5:00pm Celebration
5:15pm Dinner
5:50pm Group Leaders Meeting
6:15pm Worship
6:30pm Baptism of Holy Spirit
7:15pm Ministry Time
8:15pm Dismiss

Sunday

9:30 am Class in modular #5
11:15 am Attend worship service



ENCOUNTER FAQ's

As you prepare for the Encounter, you may find the following information helpful. Remember that the Encounter's purpose is spiritual, so prepare accordingly. A group leader will contact you via text message during the week of the encounter.

1. Bring your preferred Bible, a pen, or a pencil.
2. Dress in casual and modest attire: Wear comfortable shoes. No tank tops or low-cut blouses
3. Preferred: No perfumes or strong body deodorant. Many people have allergies.
4. **Meals: All meals are provided. Special diets: If you require any special food, drink, or diet, please be sure to bring it with you. Mark it with your name or label it.** Notify the kitchen leaders if the items must be stored in the cooler.
5. We ask that you use your cell phones respectfully. If you need to keep your cell phone with you, please **TURN IT TO VIBRATE** or **KEEP IT ON SILENT** and **KEEP IT PUT AWAY DURING ALL SESSIONS!** We encourage you to do this during break times if you must call. We would prefer you not to call anyone during the Encounter **SESSIONS OR SMALL GROUP MEETINGS**. This is asked of you so you won't be distracted or distract someone else, and your mind will stay focused on what God wants to do in you. This weekend is about you and God and what God desires to do in you, so let's keep the distractions as minimal as possible.
6. **Attend with spiritual and physical expectations. Above all, bring a willing heart to be ministered to by the Lord Himself!**

Jesus was punished so that you might be forgiven. Jesus was wounded so that you could be healed. Jesus was made sinful with your sinfulness so that you might become righteous with His righteousness. Jesus died your death so that you might share His life. Jesus became poor; without poverty, you might become rich with His riches. Jesus bore your shame that you might share His glory. Jesus endured your rejection so that you might have His acceptance as a child of God. Jesus became a curse that you might receive a blessing.

2 Chronicles 20:17 (NIV) "You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you." We're praying that you will **stand firm** with your decision and that nothing will stop you from an Encounter with God this weekend.



ENCOUNTER OBJECTIVES

1. Participants are encouraged to come expecting to receive from God.

2. Encounter Purpose:

- a. To enable each participant to know and accept Jesus Christ as his own personal Lord and Savior and to receive assurance of that fact.
- b. To make known the gospel's good news for each person to experience personal forgiveness of sins, deliverance, healing, and prosperity.
- c. To motivate you to develop a personal relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and to help you grow in knowing God's Word.
- d. To encourage you to witness God's work in his life at home, work, school, and the community to win souls.
- e. To clarify the vision of the church – **Win Souls, Make Disciples & Destroy the Works of the devil. We want to Connect, Train, and Send** – by motivating each person to continue in the discipleship training Grow classes I, II & III. If you need more information on these, ask your Encounter group leader or call the church office, 256-931-4673 and ask for Curtis Snider or Pastor Keith Hodges

3. Encounter Guidelines:

- a. Punctuality in each teaching session and activity is imperative.
- b. Each group should submit to the authority and/or group leader assigned to them.
- c. **Ministering, counseling, prophesying, or sharing dreams, visions, or counsel between retreat participants is strictly prohibited. The only individuals authorized to do so are the pastors and guides leading the retreat.**
- d. While ministering the Word of God, leaving the area of ministry is highly discouraged, except for a valid emergency and after first speaking to a group leader.
- e. Cell phones, earphones, or anything that distracts you or others from God during the Encounter sessions is strongly discouraged.
- f. We will not be held responsible for any loss of personal property.

What is the NEXT STEP after the Encounter Weekend?

- Attend the post-Encounter class "Grow I." Class is conducted every Sunday morning.
- We offer three discipleship tracks, which are verbalized as Grow I, Grow II, and Grow III.
- The Encounter Weekend and Grow I classes are the only classes required to attend serially.
- Contact the church office if you have a scheduling problem attending Grow II or Grow III.
- We offer the Grow classes every Sunday morning at the Arab Campus.