

# SMALL GROUPS

## Leader Conversation Guide – One Encounter is All You Need

### Main Idea

This week Chris Thomas shares a powerful message that is all about the transformational power of a single encounter with Jesus. One moment in His presence can shift everything. We see it all throughout Scripture—people who were broken, bound, confused, or ashamed were forever changed by meeting Jesus. You don't need a thousand steps or a perfect track record—just one moment with the Savior. This message invites us to stop striving and start seeking. When you encounter Jesus, you don't leave the same. He restores, redirects, and redefines your life.

### Make It Practical

- **One Encounter Breaks Chains.** Whether it's addiction, shame, fear, or brokenness, one real moment with Jesus brings freedom.
- **One Encounter Restores Identity.** Jesus doesn't just fix the situation—He reminds you of who you really are.
- **One Encounter Sets Direction.** When you meet Jesus, He gives purpose and clarity. You stop wandering and start walking in calling.
- **One Encounter Awakens Hope.** It reminds you that God is still near, still powerful, and still working.

### Key Scripture

“As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him... ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ ... ‘Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.’”

—Acts 9:3-6 (NIV)

## **Talk About It**

1. Have you ever had a moment in God's presence that changed everything for you? What happened?
2. Why do we often think we need to "clean ourselves up" before encountering God?
3. What obstacles can get in the way of encountering Jesus?
4. What area of your life are you praying for God to show up in right now?
5. How can we posture our hearts to be more open to divine encounters this week?

## **Prayer**

Jesus, thank You that one moment with You changes everything. We don't need to earn it—You meet us in grace and truth. Help us slow down, open up, and invite You into our daily lives. Stir our hearts with expectation. Let us live with the awareness that You are near and working. We believe that lives will be changed this week—not by our strength, but by one encounter with You. In Your name, Amen.

## **Leader Tips**

Encounters with Jesus can happen in big moments or quiet ones. Create space for reflection, stillness, and prayer during your group time. Encourage people to share testimonies of God's presence. If someone is seeking a breakthrough, pray with them personally. Remind your group: it's not about striving—it's about surrender. One encounter is all it takes.