

ENCOUNTERS

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ENCOUNTER ONE: GOD

Question One

In our world success is found in money, fame, intellect, beauty and athletic ability. As men and women seek to define their identity and role in life, the world encourages success in these areas. As humans, we can't help but ask the basic questions about the purpose of our world and our lives. We wonder,

“Why does anything exist?”

“Who am I?”

“Where did I come from?”

“Why am I here?”

“Where am I going?”

These are the questions we often ask as we seek to find greater significance to our lives than simply living and dying. Can you identify with this search for significance through the above questions? Would you add any other questions that college students are asking today?

LEADER: First identify how society puts so much of its significance on fame, money, intellect, beauty, and athletic ability by pointing out obvious abuses of them in society. (for example: just check out the magazine rack at the grocery store. What are the names of the magazines? Cosmopolitan, Money, etc. What are the articles about? Sex, How to make yourself more attractive. Use this quote by Ted Turner: In 1990 Ted Turner appeared on television with an interview with Barbara Walters. She asked him, "What makes you so successful?" With tears in his eyes he responded, "All my life I feel like I have been climbing that ladder of success. I started with nothing and I mounted the ladder one rung at a time, climbing and climbing, trying to reach the top. And when I expected to find the pot of gold and the happiness that everyone always talks about at the top, I leaned over the edge and all I found was emptiness. My life, most of the time, feels empty." Second, facilitate this discussion by talking about how living for the above things do not bring complete satisfaction. They are only temporal.

Question Two

All of these questions are answered when we come to understand that God exists, He is knowable, and He is active in accomplishing His purpose. As Christians, we can look to God's Word to find these answers. The Bible is the authoritative, inerrant Word of God in

which He communicates the truths of His character and purpose to His people. Read *Jeremiah 9:23-24*, where God reveals His desire for his people in light of the pursuits of worldly men.

All of our desires and longings for significance and purpose can be met in knowing and loving God and understanding His plan in our lives. What comes to mind when you think of God?

LEADER: Simply accept answers and transition into the next section of the Bible Study. This Question assumes that the student believes the Bible is the inerrant Word of God. Be prepared to answer any questions that might arise. See a COG Staff person for helpful resources.

Question Three

Let's look at what the Bible says about who God is:

GOD'S PERSON

Malachi 3:6 _____ **LEADER:** Unchanging

Isaiah 26:4 _____ **LEADER:** Eternal

Psalms 93:2 _____ **LEADER:** Eternal

Psalms 139:7-12 _____ **LEADER:** Omnipresent

GOD'S POWER

Hebrews 4:13 _____ **LEADER:** Omniscient

Psalms 90:1-2 _____ **LEADER:** Infinite / Limitless

Job 42:1-2 _____ **LEADER:** Omnipotent

GOD'S PERFECTION

Leviticus 19:2 _____ **LEADER:** Holy

Nahum 1:1-3 _____ **LEADER:** Just / Wrathful

1 John 4:7-8 _____ **LEADER:** Loving

Psalms 103:8 _____ **LEADER:** Gracious / Merciful

Question Four

God is a personal God, and as a personal God there are some things that are more important than others. Based on these verses, what do we see as central to God's heart throughout scripture?

Genesis 1:26

Genesis 1:29-31

LEADER: Overall, the desire of the following verses is to point out the fact that central to God's heart are the themes of redemption and creation. Discuss the fact that God created us in His image simply because it was His will and he desired it that way.

Genesis 3:13-19

LEADER: Our relationship with God is broken through the fall. The idea of "atonement" is introduced. We now need some way to bring us back into that right relationship with God.

Deuteronomy 14:2

LEADER: Discuss how the people of Israel were special to God in the Old Testament and how he loved and provided for them always.

John 10:10

LEADER: Just reiterate that God is good and knowable and that He desires to give us abundant life. We can know God through Christ. Next week is the Gospel, so you don't want to go too in depth but you do want to wet their appetite for it.

ENCOUNTER TWO: THE GOSPEL

Question One

People today often claim that the human race possesses a predominantly good nature. Those who hold this view usually believe that humans do have some flaws, but these flaws are only blemishes that should not be an overwhelming focus in life. Write down what each of these verses says about man's sin.

1 Kings 8:46

Psalms 51:5

Romans 3:9-12

Romans 3:23

1 John 1:8-10

Write a short summary of the view of the human race the Bible presents compared to our culture's view. Which view do you personally tend to believe?

Question Two

Once a Biblical perspective of the condition of the human race has been understood, we must ask two questions of the Bible. First, what are the implications for humans in their relationship with God due to their sin? Secondly, why do these implications exist? Use the following verses to help answer these questions.

Genesis 3:8-22

Romans 5:12

Romans 6:23

Ephesians 2:1-3

Colossians 2:13

Romans 8:7-8

Based on the verses, write a couple of sentences in response to these two questions (what is the result of our sin and why?)

Question Three

Many people attempt to erase the implications of their sin against God by being good, moral people. These people simply believe that due to their good deeds, in which they seek to honor God, they will find God's approval. Study the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-collector from *Luke 18:9-14*. Which individual in the parable found God's approval? Why?

If trusting in our own personal goodness is not sufficient for humans to restore their relationship with God, then how may this separation be bridged? Please read and meditate on *Ephesians 2:8-9* in developing your answer.

Question Four

When a person enters into a relationship with Christ an exchange takes place. Read *2 Corinthians 5:21*. What are the two things that take place between Christ and the believer?

Understanding this exchange (that our sins are forgiven and we are made righteous) is crucial to our understanding of why faith in Jesus' work on the cross is sufficient for our salvation. Read the following verses, then write out what it means that "He who had no sin became sin for us."

Galatians 3:13

I Peter 2:24

I Peter 3:18

Based on these verses, as well as the following verses, write out what it means that we become His righteousness.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Galatians 2:20-21

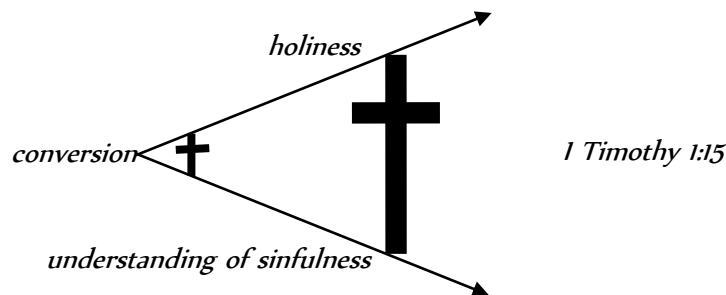
Romans 8:1

After reflecting on these truths, prayerfully evaluate your own life. Can you identify ways in which you are not living in light of who you are as a new creation?

Question Five

Paul says in *1 Timothy 1:15*, “It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.” As a Christian, do you find yourself sharing Paul’s attitude concerning sin? Or do you identify more with the Pharisee who placed his confidence in his own good deeds? Write out some of your thoughts as you prayerfully evaluate your attitude toward sin in your own life.

The diagram below illustrates an irony in the christian life: as we grow in our relationship with God, our understanding of our sinfulness increases, as well as our knowledge of God’s holiness. Therefore, the realization of our need for the cross continually increases in our lives.



Question Six

Though we are fully justified before God at the point of salvation, sanctification is the lifelong process of becoming more like Christ. It is easy for Christians to fall into the mindset that the gospel of God's grace is necessary for salvation, but not as relevant throughout the sanctification process. Read the following verses.

Col. 2:6-7

LEADER: How did we receive Jesus Christ as Lord? (Eph. 2:8-9) What is the relationship between how we received Him and how we live daily?

I Thes. 5:23-24

LEADER: Who does the work of sanctification?

Titus 2:11-14

LEADER: What are the influences that the grace of God has on our lives? What do you think it means that God is purifying for Himself a people?

Based on these verses, as well as the enclosed article "The Transforming Power of the Gospel," write down some thoughts on why the message of the gospel of grace is crucial in the daily life of a Christian?

ENCOUNTER THREE: LORDSHIP

Question One

In the first set of questions, we outlined that salvation comes by grace through faith in Christ alone. As Christians, there is a moment in time when we place our faith in Jesus to be our Savior. At this moment of conversion, God extends several promises to the believer. From the following verses make some observations concerning the Holy Spirit. What is God's promise concerning the Holy Spirit to all who believe in Christ?

John 3:3-8

John 7:37-39

John 14:16-18

Ephesians 1:13-14

Titus 3:5-6

II Corinthians 5:17

LEADER: The principle to get across is God's Holy Spirit lives in all who believe in Jesus.

Question Two

As new creatures in Christ through faith, God's promise is to live within us through His Holy Spirit. What benefits do believers have due to the presence of God's Spirit in their lives? From the following verses, what two roles do you see the Spirit perform in the Christian's life?

John 14:26-27

John 15:26-27

John 16:13-15

Acts 1:6-8

I Corinthians 2:12-13

I Corinthians 12:4-7

II Timothy 1:7

LEADER: The principle to get across is the two primary roles of the Spirit are to instruct believers in the truths of God and empower believers to live out these truths.

Question Three

The primary role of the Spirit's ministry in the life of a Christian is to instruct them in the truths of God and empower them to live out these truths. Read *Galatians 5:22-23*. What does the Bible teach are the products of the teaching and empowerment of the Holy Spirit?

LEADER: The principle to get across is Fruits of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings about conversion, after which the Spirit teaches and empowers, which leads to fruits of the Spirit.

Question Four

In a culture where knowledge about Christ is common, it is easy to lose what it means to be a Christian. Read the following story.

Hugh grew up attending church. He understands that Jesus died for sinners so that they might be in right relationship with God. However, Hugh has little desire to follow after Jesus. Hugh will admit that his actions do not set him apart from those around him who claim not to believe in Jesus.

Do you believe that it is possible for a person, like Hugh, to be a Christian without the evidence of the Spirit's work in their life? Write out your thoughts on this issue.

Read *Romans 8:12-14*. What does this passage teach about those who live according to the flesh and those who live according to the Spirit?

LEADER: The principle to get across is people who do not display the fruits of the Spirit do not know Christ. True believers put sin away and display the work of the Spirit because the Spirit lives within their hearts.

Verses for further study:

Matthew 7:17-23

II Corinthians 5:14-15

Luke 9:23-24

Titus 1:16

John 14:15&21

Romans 6:1-2

I John 3:6&9

I John 2:3-4

Question Six

Read the following situation. Pat prayed to receive Christ when she was 19 years old. She immediately involved herself with many church activities and Bible studies due to the joy of her newfound salvation. Her life seemed to display the work of God's Spirit in her heart in many ways. However, in the past year, Pat has drifted from her walk with Christ. Where she used to be very zealous to follow Jesus, she now does not think that God is relevant to her life. Pat's lifestyle now resembles the way she lived before her conversion experience. In your opinion, what is the deal with Pat? Did Pat somehow lose her salvation? Read *John 10:27-30* and *Philippians 1:6*. Is it possible for someone to lose his or her salvation? Now, read the parable of the sower from *Luke 8:4-15*. Which of the four seeds do you believe has saving faith?

LEADER: The principle to get across is the believer cannot lose their salvation. Once a person truly believes in Jesus, they are forever cleansed of their sin. The person who knows the gift of salvation will remain faithful to Christ to the end. For the person who did not endure, we must conclude this: faith that fails is faulty from the first.

ENCOUNTER FOUR: THE WORD

Question One

Today, there are many differing opinions on the Bible's authority and trustworthiness. Christians have historically believed two fundamental truths about the Bible. First, they believe that God has written the Scriptures *through* man. Secondly, Christians believe that the Bible is the authoritative source of truth. In the following verses, what do the scriptures say about itself?

2 Timothy 3:16,17

2 Peter 1:20-21

Psalms 119:160

John 17:17

LEADER: Although many people don't believe that the Bible has been written by God, the Bible itself contradicts this point clearly. In 2 Timothy 3:16, it says that the whole of scripture is 'God-breathed', which means that it is given by inspiration of God. The instrument that God has used to communicate His Word to His people is men who are moved by The HOLY SPIRIT. 2 Peter 1:21 states 'but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.'

This fact is extremely foundational for all Christians to know that since the bible is from God, it can be trusted as the authority of truth.

Question Two

To many, God appears as a distant and unknowable being. Yet to the Christian, God has made himself known through a personal relationship with His Son. From the following verses, what is the source of knowledge of God and Jesus Christ?

1 Corinthians 15:3,4

Acts 18:28

Acts 17:2,3

Luke 24:27

2 Timothy 3:15

What do these verses teach you about the importance of the scriptures in knowing God?

LEADER: There are many thoughts about God and Jesus that are based on personal beliefs, logic or other means of arriving at truth. Yet all these have their origin in man. The Bible however, is the authoritative source which is written by God (see Question #1). The objective of Question #2 is to show that the Bible is the trusted source to knowing about Jesus Christ.

Question Three

In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses made this statement about God's Word, *'They are not just idle words for you, they are your life.'* In the following verses, what are the specific ways that God's Word impacts our lives?

2 Timothy 3:15-17

1 Peter 2:2

Psalms 119:105

Hebrews 4:12

John 17:17

LEADER: The reference for the statement in Question #3 is Deuteronomy 32:47. The scriptures are essential in order to grow in your relationship with God, as revealed in the following verses.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 -Through the inspired word of God, the Christian is made wise, taught, rebuked, corrected, and trained in righteousness.

1 Peter 2:3 -Just like a newborn baby needs the physical nourishment of milk, so to the Christian needs the spiritual nourishment of the Word of God.

Psalms 119:105 God's word has been given to us to lead and guide our steps as we walk with Christ.

Hebrews 4:12 God's word is used to reveal deeper thoughts and motives in the heart of a Christian.

John 17:17 -Sanctification is the process of becoming Christ-like. The means to accomplish this in the Christian's life is the Word of God.

Question Four

The scriptures give us models to show us the importance of spending time with God. What do each of the following say or illustrate about how frequently this should be done and how it affects our lives?

Acts 17:11 **LEADER:** THE BEREANS EXAMINED THE SCRIPTURES EVERYDAY

Joshua 1:8 **LEADER:** JOSHUA MEDITATED DAY AND NIGHT

Psalms 5:3 Leader: David sought God at the beginning of each day

Mark 1:35 Leader: Jesus spent time alone with god first thing each day

What are two main activities that these passages emphasize as elements of our time alone with God?

LEADER: The objective of this QUESTION IS to show the need to spend time daily with the Lord. This needs to include time in the scriptures and time in prayer. Communicate the importance of time directly in the Word as opposed to using devotional guides as a substitute for the Word.

Question Five

RC Sproul, a well-known bible teacher/author states one barrier to spending time with God in the following,

“We fail in our duty to study God’s Word not so much because it is difficult to understand, not so much because it is dull and boring, but because it is work. Our problem is not a lack of intelligence or a lack of passion. Our problem is that we are lazy.”

Would you consider this to be an accurate statement? What are some other barriers that keep you from getting into the scriptures?

From the following verses, what are the benefits of overcoming these barriers?

Jeremiah 15:16 **LEADER:** JOY, DELIGHT...

2 Timothy 3:15 **LEADER:** TEACHING, REPROOF...

Joshua 1:8 **LEADER:** PROSPERITY, SUCCESS (ACTING ON IT)...

LEADER: The objective of this Question is two-fold. The first is to identify barriers that may keep someone from growing in knowing God through the His Word. The second is to show the importance and benefits of overcoming these barriers.

The challenge for you, the leader, is to help each individual member of your bible study see what keeps them from being in the Word and to fight through these barriers to the benefits. The following are ways to encourage and motivate beyond possible barriers.

1. Knowledge. With new or younger Christians, the barrier that keeps them from spending time daily in the Scriptures might be knowledge that it is necessary to grow. 1 Peter 2:3
2. Don’t see the importance of it. (see Question #2 again)

3. Don't have time. People make time for the things that are important to them. Help remind them of the truths of the value of time alone with the Lord. Then, help them with scheduling a consistent time with the Lord, or meet them to have a quiet time together.
4. Don't know how. Show them!!! It is part of your role as a leader to show them basic steps in spending time with the Lord in Bible study and prayer. The next question will help give general guidelines for how to do this.

Question Six

The following is one example of how to spend time alone with the Lord.

1. Begin with prayer, asking the Lord to give you insight into His Word. David prayed, *“open my eyes, that I may behold wonderful things from Thy law” (Psalm 119:18)*.
2. Look up the following verse and write it in the space provided. As you write it, consider what the passage is saying.

2 Timothy 2:15

3. Circle and define the key words in the passage above using your own definition or a dictionary.

Key Word:

Definition:

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4. Write out the main thought of the passage below.

5. Write out a few specific actions that you can apply to your own life today.

6. Pray and ask the Lord to help you apply this verse to your life.

THE CHALLENGE: Begin to set aside time everyday in which you can follow the example above with other verses.

The following suggestions might be helpful.

- ★ Set aside a consistent time each day.
- ★ Set aside a place that is quiet and away from any distractions.
- ★ Remind yourself of the specific application that you received at a later time. (For example, if you spend time with the Lord in the mornings, review them before you go to sleep that night.)
- ★ Share with others specific things that you are learning from your time with God.

★ Verses to study:

<i>Jeremiah 15:16</i>	<i>Joshua 1:8</i>	<i>2 Timothy 3:15-17</i>	<i>Hebrews 4:12</i>
<i>2 Timothy 3:15</i>	<i>Psalms 5:3</i>	<i>1 Peter 2:2-3</i>	<i>John 17:17</i>
<i>Joshua 1:8</i>	<i>Mark 1:35</i>	<i>Psalms 119:105</i>	
<i>Acts 17:11</i>			

ENCOUNTER FIVE: PRAYER

Question One

Martin Luther once said, “As it is the business of tailors to make clothes and of cobblers to mend shoes, so it is the business of Christians to pray.” As you read the following passages of Scripture, notice the instructions about prayer and examples of prayer from the Bible.

Psalm 5:1-3

Matthew 14:23

Luke 18:1-8

Acts 4:31

Romans 10:1

Ephesians 6:18

Colossians 4:2

LEADER: Discussion of this question is not intended to lead students to a specific principle; it is simply meant to introduce students to what the Bible says about prayer.

Question Two

EM Bounds, author of *Power Through Prayer*, once said, “Stop! Pause! Consider! What are we? What are we doing? ...Praying to God! The great God, the Maker of all worlds, the Judge of all men! What reverence! What simplicity! What sincerity! What truth in the inward parts is demanded! How real we must be! How hearty! Prayer to God: the most noble exercise, the loftiest effort of man, the most real thing!” Now ask yourself these questions in relation to your own prayer life: How earnestly do I pray? What do I pray for? How long do I pray? How often do I pray?

LEADER: The purpose of this question is to get the student to evaluate his or her own prayer life.

Question Three

Read the following passages of scripture, and discover what the Bible says about our plight as human beings.

II Corinthians 4:16

Romans 3:10-12

Romans 7:18-19

Psalms 14:1-3

Psalms 143:2

II Corinthians 4:8-9

LEADER: One of the keys to a successful prayer life is to realize that we are desperately needy people. When we realize this truth we will turn from depending on ourselves to depending on God in prayer.

Question Four

The relationship between God and us is similar to that of a master to his servant. A servant is completely dependent on his master for all of his needs. Whether it is food, shelter, clothing, etc., a servant goes without these things unless his master provides them for him. Read the following verses, and notice God's provision for us in light of our desperate condition.

Philippians 4:19

Romans 8:31-32

II Corinthians 9:8

Psalms 123:2

Psalms 18:1-3

Psalms 36:5-9

LEADER: God is our Master and he will provide for our every need as we lay our prayer requests before Him.

Question Five

In *Matthew 6:7-8* Jesus says, “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition, as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need, before you ask Him.” The question that naturally arises in response to Jesus’ words is, “If God already knows what I plan to ask for in prayer, then why does He even bother to ask me to pray?” Read the story of Abraham and Abimelech in Genesis chapter 20. What does this passage have to say about why God asks us to pray when He already knows what we will ask for?

LEADER: The story in Genesis 20 illustrates one principle, that God uses the prayers of His people to accomplish His purposes.

Other passages on this topic are:

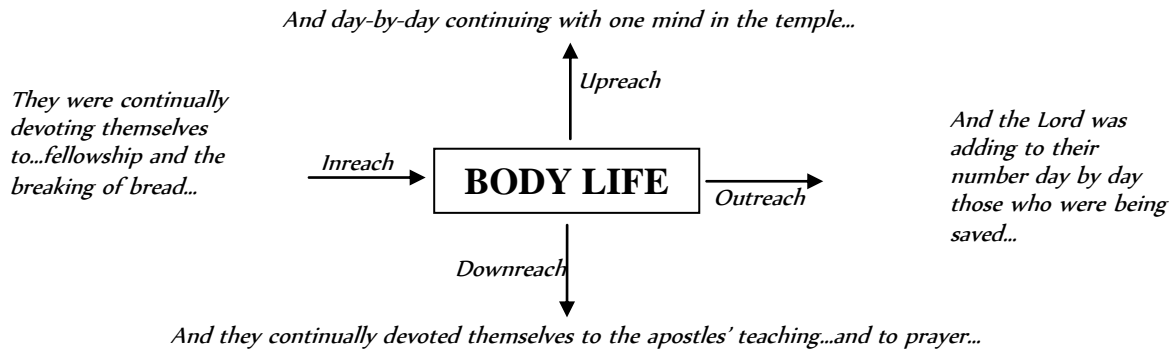
James 5:16-18

ENCOUNTER SIX: THE BODY OF CHRIST

Question One

Read *Ephesians 2:19-22*. From this scripture, we see that one of the many blessings of salvation is becoming a member of the family of God, the Body of Christ. The universal body of Christ is composed of all believers from across all time and manifests itself in local churches. What does this mean for the present day Christian? Read *Acts 2:41-47* and *Acts 4:32-37* in order to observe how the early church lived as a community of believers. What were some of the key elements practiced in their lives together?

The following illustration represents the 4 components necessary for healthy body life based on Acts 2:41-47:



Question Two

Upreach is the gathering of a community of believers to worship God in all His fullness. In *Hebrews 10:23-25* we are commanded to not give up meeting together. Why do you think God calls His people to worship together as a community?

Hebrews 10:23-25

1 Timothy 4:13

LEADER: Why do some people say their relationship with God is personal such that they don't share the mindset with a body of believers? There is no such thing as a "lone Christian."

Question Three

Downreach is the process by which the believer is equipped and trained with knowledge and skills for service in the Body of Christ. There are many members of the Body, but all the members do not have the same function. According to the following verses, what are some of the roles of the members of the Body?

Romans 12:3-8

Ephesians 4:11,12

I Corinthians 12:12-26

LEADER: Address tendency for people to compare gifts (all are necessary and important...prophecy, if it comes up, functions to call to repentance)

Question Four

Outreach is a vital part of a Christian community for by it believers express obedience to the Great Commission of Christ. This concept is covered more in depth in a following section.

Inreach encompasses how fellow brothers and sisters relate to one another. Examine the following verses and draw some principles about the interaction between members.

I Peter 1:22

Hebrews 3:13

Ephesians 4:29-32

LEADER: love, forgiveness, patience, service, encouragement

Question Five

The Body of Christ is responsible for encouraging, serving, loving and forgiving one another. It is also necessary for other qualities to be present in order to have healthy body life. Read these verses to conclude what they are and how to carry them out.

Proverbs 27:17

Matthew 18:15-17

Luke 17:3

Galatians 6:1,2

LEADER: Other qualities are admonishment, sharpening, exhorting, rebuking. Note how questions 4 and 5 are intertwined.

Question Six

According to the verses below, how has God set up structure and order in the Body of Christ?

Hebrews 13:7

Hebrews 13:17

I Timothy 5:17

LEADER: Emphasize the need for you to be involved in the local church – being plugged into the Body in this way – more than being a part of a college ministry – God has established his Church – reference I Timothy 3

ENCOUNTER SEVEN: EVANGELISM

Question One

What is evangelism?

LEADER: 'evangel' means 'good news', refer to Acts 20:24

Question Two

Evangelism is sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others. Why is evangelism necessary? Who is called to share the gospel?

LEADER: TV evangelists, Pastors, Missionaries, etc. are not the only ones responsible for sharing their faith. Every Christian is called to be an evangelist. Discuss the fact that all Christians receive the Holy Spirit at salvation (Romans 8:9, Ephesians 1:13, Acts 1:8) and are equipped to share with others.

II Thessalonians 1:9

II Corinthians 5:20

I Peter 2:9

Question Three

There are many different perceptions about how the gospel should be communicated. Look up these verses and record the methods the Bible tells us should be employed.

LEADER: make sure that the point is to share verbally and lifestyle

Matthew 5:16

Romans 10:14,15

Psalms 66:16

I Peter 2:12

Question Four

Why does the idea of evangelism tend to make some people uncomfortable?

LEADER: Matthew 10:34

II Corinthians 2:15,16

II Timothy 3:12

Luke 6:22

John 3:19,20

Matthew 10:34

Question Five

How is success in evangelism determined?

LEADER: it is the Spirit of God working in the hearts of people that determines their response to the gospel
(Phil 1:6)

I Corinthians 3:6,7

Acts 20:24

Isaiah 55:11

Question Six

What tools do you have at your disposal to live in obedience to the Lord's command to share the gospel?

Take a few moments to write out your testimony.

ENCOUNTER EIGHT: DISCIPLESHIP

Question One

'Disciple' means follower. Some people might think that becoming a Christian is a final goal. How is it really just the beginning of a new road?

LEADER: every Christian needs to be growing after they receive their new life in Christ. Not doing so is actually abnormal. Being one of God's is a call to personal discipleship

II Peter 3:18

I Peter 2:2

I Corinthians 14:20

Hebrews 6:1

Philippians 1:6

Question Two

Developing in any area requires a measure of training. What are examples of this (professionals, athletes, fine arts, military, etc.)? How does the Christian life correspond to this?

LEADER: point out taking opportunities for growth (1-on-1, small group, large group activities, training conferences, retreats, etc.)

II Peter 3:18

I Timothy 4:7-8

II Timothy 2:3-6

Question Three

The road of growth is called discipleship. What did discipleship look like in the ministry of Christ? In the ministry of Paul? How can we follow these models in our lives today?

LEADER: An overview of the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) illustrates the “life on life” approach of Jesus’ ministry. He spent time with them in normal day-to-day activities (Matthew 9:10, 10:1, 11:1-2, 15:32, 16:20-24).

Mark 3:13-14

John 3:22

I Thessalonians 2:8

I Corinthians 11:1

I Thessalonians 1:6

Question Four

Followers of Jesus can be found on every continent and virtually every country on the earth. What strategy did Jesus pass on to his disciples to spread the gospel and reach the world?

Matthew 4:19

II Timothy 2:2

LEADER: Illustrate the difference between ministries of multiplication and ministries of addition. Be careful not to put down ministries of addition as you illustrate the strategy of multiplication.

Question Five

Genesis communicates God's plan to fill the earth with His people. How is discipleship part of this becoming reality?

Genesis 1:28

Matthew 28:18-20

Acts 1:8

Revelation 5:9

LEADER: Emphasize the global nature and goal of discipleship. People from all nations will be in heaven and we are part of reaching them.

Question Six

What personal application can you make in your life to be involved in discipleship for your personal growth? To help others? To reach the world for Christ?