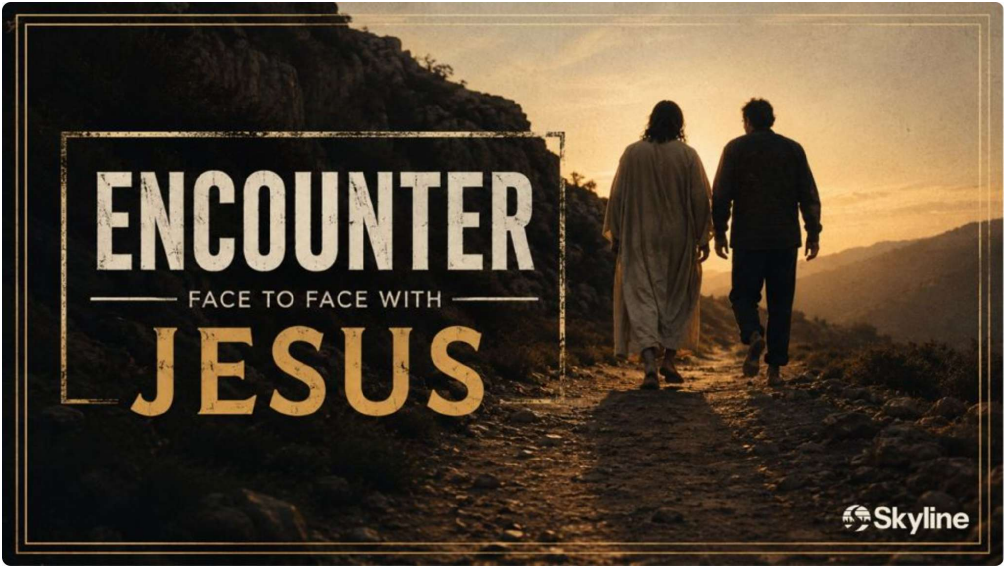




YOUR ENCOUNTER JOURNAL

September 27 - November 1, 2026

Worship Night: October 2 • Celebration Night: November 1

JESUS IS ALREADY NEAR.

Encounter: Face to Face with Jesus is a churchwide journey to make space for a deeper, more personal encounter with Jesus through Scripture, prayer, worship, Life Groups, fasting, family conversations, and daily rhythms.

THE FOUNDATION

The encounter does not begin with you finding Jesus. It begins with Jesus meeting you - here, now, through His Word and His presence.

JESUS IS PRESENT.

He is not distant or waiting for a perfect schedule. He is inviting you now.

JESUS IS PERSONAL.

This is more than a series. It is an invitation to meet Him face to face.

JESUS WANTS TO MEET YOU.

Make space. Draw near. Encounter Jesus.

BEGIN HERE

Jesus, where do You want to meet me?

ONE BOOK. ONE JOURNEY.

Bring this booklet with you every Sunday. Keep it near you during the week. Bring it to Life Group. Use it at home.

1 SUNDAY

Listen to the message. Write what stays with you. Ask what Jesus is saying to you.

2 DURING THE WEEK

Read the selected passages. Internally review all the reflection questions each day. Write out your answer to at least one reflection question each day. You can even answer the same question everyday. Leave room for Jesus to speak and focus on where He is taking you.

3 LIFE GROUP

Bring one honest thought, question, confession, or next step into the group.

4 FAMILY TIME

Use the family prompt. Kids ask the adults the questions, not the other way around.. Let your family see real spiritual growth.

5 RESPOND

Do not only notice. Repent. Receive. Obey. Draw near. Love.

You do not need to fill every blank. This is not about completing a workbook. It is about noticing Jesus and responding to Him.

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

The life group section of this book is designed for Skyline Life Groups during Encounter: Face to Face with Jesus. Sunday introduces the week's movement; the Encounter Journal helps each person listen and respond during the week; Life Group creates space to bring that encounter into community.

THE GOAL

Not polished answers. Honest conversation. Scripture. Prayer. A concrete next step.

A SIMPLE RHYTHM FOR EVERY LIFE GROUP

LOOK AT THE TABLE — 10 MINUTES

Enjoy what has been prepared for you!

LOOK BACK — 10 MINUTES

What stayed with you from Sunday's message?

LOOK AT JESUS — 20 MINUTES

Read the week's primary Scripture aloud together.

LOOK WITHIN — 20 MINUTES

Use the questions to move from ideas to honest reflection.

LOOK TO EACH OTHER — 15 MINUTES

Encourage, confess, listen, and pray for one another.

LOOK AHEAD — 10 MINUTES

Name one concrete response before the next meeting.

LOOK HIM IN THE EYE.

1

REPENT

What am I hiding?

Bring it into the light.

2

ABIDE

What truth about who I am is Jesus inviting me to receive?

Receive what Jesus says is true.

3

OBEY

What step of obedience is Jesus inviting me to take?

Take the step.

4

DRAW NEAR

How am I sharing my day with Jesus?

Make room.

5

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Who is Jesus asking me to love intentionally?

Love like Jesus.

These are not five disconnected lessons. They are a way of walking with Jesus: honesty, identity, obedience, attention, and love.

THE PATH: Encounter begins with honesty, settles into identity, becomes visible in obedience, is sustained by daily rhythms, and overflows into love for others.

REPENT

WHAT AM I HIDING?

THIS WEEK

BRING IT INTO THE LIGHT.

ANCHOR SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-4

1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer. 2 Every branch in me that doesn’t bear fruit, he takes away. Every branch that bears fruit, he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already pruned clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 **Remain in me, and I in you.** As the branch can’t bear fruit by itself unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you, unless you remain in me.”

MEMORIZE

“Remain in me, and I in you.” — John 15:4

MY WORD FOR THIS WEEK

Write one word or short phrase you want to carry with you this week.

LISTEN. NOTICE. RESPOND.

Why I Fear Looking Jesus in the Eye

John 15:1-4

WHAT STOOD OUT TO ME TODAY?

WHAT DID I HEAR JESUS SAYING TO ME?

DON'T LOOK AWAY

What am I hiding?

DURING THE WEEK

WEEK 1

STAY WITH JESUS.

MY ENCOUNTER THIS WEEK

“I encountered Jesus in forgiveness.”

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- Fresh Wind — Hillsong Worship
- Run to the Father — Cody Carnes

Let worship help you come honestly into His presence.

READ

Day	Passage
Mon	PSALM 51:1-4
Tue	JOHN 15:1-8
Wed	JOHN 14:23-24
Thu	PSALM 119:1-8
Fri	JOHN 15:9-17

EACH DAY, AS YOU READ, ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS:

1. What am I hiding?
2. Who is God delighting in?
3. What is Jesus asking me to do, obey, or surrender?
4. What is Jesus telling me about His word?
5. Who is Jesus asking me to love?
6. What do I want to bring into my Life Group?

EACH DAY WRITE OUT THE ANSWER TO AT LEAST 1 OF THE QUESTIONS. ASK JESUS TO SHOW YOU ONE THING AND STAY WITH IT. (CHANGE COLOR OF FONT)

MONDAY

Psalm 51:1-4

I am writing the answer to question #__

TUESDAY

John 15:1-8

I am answering question #__

PRAYER + FASTING

MAKE SPACE.

Fasting is a simple practice of laying something down so you can turn your attention more intentionally toward God. It is not about earning His attention - it is about making space to notice the One who is already near.

This week we are fasting as a Skyline family. You can choose to start on Wednesday or Thursday. Go to [page 10](#) to find out more about this. We can't wait to complete our fasting together with our potluck meal before Skyline Worship Night on Friday night. Sign up and find out more details on your Skyline app, under "Sign Ups".

WEDNESDAY

John 14:23-24

I am answering question #__

THURSDAY

Psalm 119:1-8

I am answering question #__

FRIDAY

John 15:9-17

I am answering question #__

FAMILY TIME

YOUR TURN, KIDS – TIME TO ASK YOUR PARENT(S)

1. Can you remember the first time you met Jesus and repented?
2. What have you repented of in the last couple of months?
3. Are you glad you repented to Jesus and others? What would your life be like if you had kept it to yourself?

PRAY TOGETHER

Jesus, give us courage to be honest with You and with one another. Bring what is hidden into the light and lead us into freedom.

DON'T WALK ALONE.

Family time represents two groups. Your Skyline family is your spiritual family. The church is not just somewhere you attend, but your spiritual family on earth. Bring the conversation you have been having with Jesus into community. You do not need a polished answer - just an honest one.

BRING IT UP

- Where did you sense Jesus speaking to you this week?
- What part of the message stayed with you?
- What is one area where you need a fresh encounter?
- What does “face to face with Jesus” mean to you right now?
- How can we pray for each other this week?

AS YOU PREPARE FOR YOUR LIFE GROUP TIME, BE READY TO SHARE THE ANSWER TO ONE OF THESE QUESTIONS WITH YOUR GROUP.

SOMETHING I WANT TO REMEMBER

REPENT

LOOK HIM IN THE EYE

SUNDAY CONNECTION

Why I Fear Looking Jesus in the Eye — John 15:1-4

BIG QUESTION

What am I hiding?

LOOK BACK

What stayed with you from Sunday's message?

What challenged you, encouraged you, or made you uncomfortable?

LOOK AT JESUS

READ TOGETHER

Romans 5:8 • 1 John 4:9-11 • Matthew 9:36 • Luke 15:20 • Romans 3:21-25 • Ephesians 2:8-9 • Colossians 1:13-14

WATCH TOGETHER

HIS LOVE — Jesus' love meets us before we have cleaned ourselves up.

Why does seeing Jesus' love make honest repentance possible?

HIS COMPASSION — Jesus sees weakness and brokenness and responds with compassion.

When you fail, is your instinct to move toward Jesus or hide from Him?
Why?

HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS / GOODNESS — Encountering Jesus also exposes what is not right in us.

What happens when we emphasize Jesus' compassion but avoid His righteousness?

HIS GRACE — Grace is received, not earned.

Can you see His amazing grace for you? What makes grace difficult to receive?

HIS FORGIVENESS — In Jesus there is cleansing, redemption, and belonging.

What hope does forgiveness give someone who has been hiding?

LOOK WITHIN

DON'T LOOK AWAY

Not: What should somebody else repent of? What is Jesus bringing into the light in me?

What am I hiding?

What do I need to confess, turn from, or bring into the light?

LOOK TO EACH OTHER

What makes confession and repentance difficult in community?

How can this group become a place of grace and truth rather than hiding?

LOOK AHEAD

Complete: Jesus, because I see Your _____,

I no longer need to hide _____.

PRAY TOGETHER

Jesus, give us courage to see ourselves through Your eyes. Bring what is hidden into the light, and help us receive Your grace and forgiveness.

ABIDE

WHAT TRUTH ABOUT WHO I AM IS JESUS INVITING ME TO RECEIVE?

THIS WEEK

RECEIVE WHAT JESUS SAYS IS TRUE.

ANCHOR SCRIPTURE

John 15:5-6, 15-16

5 “I am the vine. You are the branches. **He who remains in me and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.** 6 If a man doesn’t remain in me, he is thrown out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant doesn’t know what his lord does. But I have called you friends, for everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. 16 You didn’t choose me, but I chose you and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain.”

MEMORIZE

“I have called you friends.” — John 15:15

MY WORD FOR THIS WEEK

Write one word or short phrase you want to carry with you this week.

LISTEN. NOTICE. RESPOND.

Abiding Is Jesus' Greatest Gift to You

John 15:5-6, 15-16

WHAT STOOD OUT TO ME TODAY?

WHAT DID I HEAR JESUS SAYING TO ME?

DON'T LOOK AWAY

What truth about who I am is Jesus inviting me to receive?

STAY WITH JESUS.

Read slowly. You do not need to answer everything. Ask Jesus to show you one thing, and stay with it.

READ

Day	Passage
Mon	Jonah 3:5-10
Tue	Ephesians 3:14-19
Wed	1 Samuel 15:10-23
Thu	Psalms 119:9-16
Fri	Luke 10:25-37

AS YOU READ, ASK

- 1. What did I hear from Jesus?
- 2. What am I hiding?
- 3. What truth did Jesus show me about who I am in Him?
- 4. What is Jesus asking me to do, obey, or surrender?
- 5. Who is Jesus asking me to love?
- 6. What do I want to bring into my Life Group?

MY ENCOUNTER THIS WEEK

“I encountered Jesus in my identity.”

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- Abide — The Worship Initiative / Dwell Songs
- Here Again — Elevation Worship

Let these songs remind you that abiding begins with staying, not striving.

Jonah 3:5

I am writing the answer to question #__

TUESDAY

Ephesians 3:14-19

I am answering question #__

WEDNESDAY

1 Samuel 15:10-23

I am answering question #__

THURSDAY

Psalm 119:9-16

I am answering question #__

FRIDAY

Luke 10:25-37

I am answering question #__

FAMILY TIME

DON'T WALK ALONE.

Bring the same conversation you have been having with Jesus into community. You do not need a polished answer - just an honest one.

BRING IT UP

- Where did you sense Jesus speaking to you this week?
- What part of the message stayed with you?
- What is one area where you need a fresh encounter?
- What does “face to face with Jesus” mean to you right now?
- How can we pray for each other this week?

SOMETHING I WANT TO REMEMBER

YOUR TURN, KIDS – TIME TO ASK YOUR PARENT(S)

1. If Jesus is so good, is he disappointed in you or does he delight in you? How do you know?
2. What happens to your Joy when you abide in Jesus? What happens when you don't?
3. Are you able to look Jesus in the eye knowing he delights in you? Do you flinch or look with fear because you are trying to earn his delight?
4. Do you distance yourself from Jesus because your disappointed in your life circumstances?

PRAY TOGETHER

Jesus, help us stop living from names You never gave us. Teach us to receive the identity and delight You give by grace.

ABIDE

WHOSE AM I?

SUNDAY CONNECTION

Abiding Is Jesus' Greatest Gift to You — John 15:5-6, 15-16

BIG QUESTION

What truth about who I am is Jesus inviting me to receive?

LOOK BACK

What stayed with you from Sunday's message?

What challenged you, encouraged you, or made you uncomfortable?

READ TOGETHER

Ephesians 1:3-5 • Colossians 3:3-4 • Romans 6:11 • Psalm 139:14 • 1 Peter 2:9-10 • Romans 8:14-17

LOOK AT JESUS

When someone asks, “Who are you?” what labels come to mind first?

Which parts of your identity come from Jesus, and which come from accomplishments, failures, other people's opinions, your past, your job, or your circumstances?

IDENTITY

Pastor Chris's notes move from “Who am I?” to the deeper question: “Whose am I?”

LOOK WITHIN

Finish the statement: Jesus says I am _____.

Finish the statement: In Christ Jesus I am _____.

Do you believe God delights in you? Why or why not?

What lie or lies keep you from enjoying God's delight?

What does hiding sin do to your ability to see yourself through Jesus' eyes?

LOOK TO EACH OTHER

What truth about identity does someone in this group need to be reminded of tonight?

LOOK AHEAD

One lie I need to stop believing:

One truth from Jesus I will carry instead:

PRAY TOGETHER

Jesus, help us stop living from names You never gave us. Teach us to receive the identity, belonging, and delight You give by grace.

OBEY

WHAT STEP OF OBEDIENCE IS JESUS INVITING ME TO TAKE?

THIS WEEK

TAKE THE STEP.

ANCHOR SCRIPTURE

John 15:10

READ IT HERE

10 **"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,** even as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love."

MEMORIZE

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love." — John 15:10

MY WORD FOR THIS WEEK

Write one word or short phrase you want to carry with you this week.

LISTEN. NOTICE. RESPOND.

Yes, You Can Do It!

John 15:10

WHAT STOOD OUT TO ME TODAY?

WHAT DID I HEAR JESUS SAYING TO ME?

DON'T LOOK AWAY

What step of obedience is Jesus inviting me to take?

STAY WITH JESUS.

Read slowly. You do not need to answer everything. Ask Jesus to show you one thing, and stay with it.

READ

Day	Theme	Passage
Mon	Repent	Luke 15:17-22
Tue	Abide	Romans 3:21-28
Wed	Obey	Daniel 3
Thu	Draw Near	Psalms 119:17-24
Fri	Love	John 13:1-17, 34,35

AS YOU READ, ASK

- 1. What did I hear from Jesus?
- 2. What am I hiding?
- 3. What truth did Jesus show me about who I am in Him?
- 4. What is Jesus asking me to do, obey, or surrender?
- 5. Who is Jesus asking me to love?
- 6. What do I want to bring into my Life Group?

MY ENCOUNTER THIS WEEK

“I encountered Jesus in obedience.”

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- Make Room — Community Music
- Nothing Else — Cody Carnes

Use worship to loosen your grip and make room for the next step Jesus is asking you to take.

MONDAY

Jonah 3:5

I am writing the answer to question #__

TUESDAY

Ephesians 3:14-19

I am answering question #__

WEDNESDAY

1 Samuel 15:10-23

I am answering question #__

THURSDAY

Psalm 119:9-16

I am answering question #__

FRIDAY

Luke 10:25-37

I am answering question #__

DON'T WALK ALONE.

Bring the same conversation you have been having with Jesus into community. You do not need a polished answer - just an honest one.

BRING IT UP

- Where did you sense Jesus speaking to you this week?
- What part of the message stayed with you?
- What is one area where you need a fresh encounter?
- What does “face to face with Jesus” mean to you right now?
- How can we pray for each other this week?

SOMETHING I WANT TO REMEMBER

YOUR TURN, KIDS – TIME TO ASK YOUR PARENT(S)

1. What did Jesus ask you to do today?
2. What do you do when you don't want to do what Jesus asks you to do?
3. Is there anything Jesus asks you to do that is too difficult or impossible to do?
4. Is there anything Jesus asks you to do that is not best for you, your spouse or your kids?

PRAY TOGETHER

Jesus, show us the clearest next step. Give us courage to obey quickly, not to prove ourselves, but because we trust and follow You.

OBEY

TAKE THE STEP

SUNDAY CONNECTION

Yes, You Can Do It! — John 15:10

BIG QUESTION

What step of obedience is Jesus inviting me to take?

LOOK BACK

What stayed with you from Sunday's message?

What challenged you, encouraged you, or made you uncomfortable?

READ TOGETHER

John 15:5, 9-12 • Galatians 5:16, 22-25 • Romans 8:12-13

LOOK AT JESUS

Pastor Chris's notes describe obedience as:

- Personal
- Relational
- Directional
- Not optional

What does each of those statements mean to you?

LOOK WITHIN

Why is knowing what Jesus wants often easier than actually doing it?

What excuses or lies keep you from obeying the first time?

Does Jesus ever give you a command that is not good for you or for the people you love?

How do we “play with” sin instead of putting it to death by the Spirit?

What happens to our connection with Jesus when we knowingly disobey Him?

LOOK TO EACH OTHER

Where can accountability help us obey without turning obedience into performance?

LOOK AHEAD

START WITH THE CLEAREST THING FIRST

Do not make a list of five things. Name the clearest next step Jesus is asking you to take.

My next step of obedience is:

I will take this step by:

Who can ask me about it next week?

PRAY TOGETHER

Jesus, show us the clearest next step. Give us courage to obey quickly, not to prove ourselves, but because we trust and follow You.

DRAW NEAR

HOW AM I SHARING MY DAY WITH JESUS?

THIS WEEK

MAKE ROOM.

ANCHOR SCRIPTURE

John 15:7-8

7 “If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, you will ask whatever you desire, and it will be done for you. 8 In this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; and so you will be my disciples.”

MEMORIZE

“If you remain in me, and my words remain in you...” — John 15:7

MY WORD FOR THIS WEEK

Write one word or short phrase you want to carry with you this week.

LISTEN. NOTICE. RESPOND.

Filling Your Tank

John 15:7-8

WHAT STOOD OUT TO ME TODAY?

WHAT DID I HEAR JESUS SAYING TO ME?

DON'T LOOK AWAY

How am I sharing my day with Jesus?

STAY WITH JESUS.

Read slowly. You do not need to answer everything. Ask Jesus to show you one thing, and stay with it.

READ

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Thu	Draw Near	Psalms 119:25-32
Fri	Love	John 4:7-21

AS YOU READ, ASK

1. What did I hear from Jesus?
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5. Who is Jesus asking me to love?
6. What do I want to bring into my Life Group?

MY ENCOUNTER THIS WEEK

“I encountered Jesus in prayer.”

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- Turn Your Eyes — Sovereign Grace Music
- Rest on Us — Maverick City Music / UPPERROOM

Let worship become one of the rhythms that turns your attention back toward Jesus.

MONDAY

Luke 19:1-10

I am writing the answer to question #__

TUESDAY

Romans 6:5-14

I am answering question #__

WEDNESDAY

Galatians 5:13-26

I am answering question #__

THURSDAY

Psalm 119:25-32

I am answering question #__

FRIDAY

John 4:7-21

I am answering question #__

DON'T WALK ALONE.

Bring the same conversation you have been having with Jesus into community. You do not need a polished answer - just an honest one.

FAMILY PRACTICE THIS WEEK

Choose one person or family your household can love this week. Pray for them by name, write down one practical need, and take one concrete step before next Sunday.

BRING IT UP

- Where did you sense Jesus speaking to you this week?
- What part of the message stayed with you?
- What is one area where you need a fresh encounter?
- What does “face to face with Jesus” mean to you right now?
- How can we pray for each other this week?

SOMETHING I WANT TO REMEMBER

YOUR TURN, KIDS – TIME TO ASK YOUR PARENT(S)

1. What Rhythms are you practicing right now? Can I do them with you?
2. Can you share a time when Jesus words changed your actions, attitude or life?
3. Why can't we remember what Jesus taught us? Why do we forget so easily?
4. What is your favorite part of the Bible and why?

PRAY TOGETHER

Jesus, open the eyes of our hearts. Help us build rhythms that make us attentive to You in ordinary life.

DRAW NEAR

MAKE ROOM

SUNDAY CONNECTION

Filling Your Tank Before It Hits ¼ — John 15:7-8

BIG QUESTION

How am I sharing my day with Jesus?

LOOK BACK

What stayed with you from Sunday's message?

What challenged you, encouraged you, or made you uncomfortable?

READ TOGETHER

John 15:7-8, 13-15 • 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 • Isaiah 40:27-31 • Psalm 146:8 • Ephesians 1:18

LOOK AT JESUS

DISCUSS

What would a long-distance relationship look like if you only called when you felt like it — or when you happened to remember?

How is that sometimes similar to our relationship with Jesus?

Where are you trying to relate to God from your strength rather than your weakness?

Can you describe a time when you were spiritually “blind” to something and God gave you sight?

How do rhythms move from duty to becoming personal?

LOOK WITHIN

GRACE IN WEAKNESS

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9 slowly. What would it look like to bring weakness to Jesus instead of hiding it?

Where do I most need to stop striving and receive Jesus' strength?

BUILD A RHYTHM

Pastor Chris names these rhythms: Scripture • Meditation • Memorization • Prayer • Sabbath • Fasting.

Which one rhythm could help you share ordinary life with Jesus this week?

When will I practice it?

What normally gets in the way?

What will I change to make room?

LOOK AHEAD

PRAY TOGETHER

Jesus, open the eyes of our hearts. Help us build rhythms that make us attentive to You in ordinary life and teach us to depend on Your strength.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

WHO IS JESUS ASKING ME TO LOVE INTENTIONALLY?

THIS WEEK

LOVE LIKE JESUS.

ANCHOR SCRIPTURE

John 15:9-13

9 “Even as the Father has loved me, I also have loved you. Remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, even as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. 11 I have spoken these things to you, that my joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be made full. 12 **This is my commandment, that you love one another, even as I have loved you.** 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

MEMORIZE

“Love one another, even as I have loved you.” — John 15:12

MY WORD FOR THIS WEEK

Write one word or short phrase you want to carry with you this week.

LISTEN. NOTICE. RESPOND.

Joy That Can Be Yours

John 15:9-13

WHAT STOOD OUT TO ME TODAY?

WHAT DID I HEAR JESUS SAYING TO ME?

DON'T LOOK AWAY

Who is Jesus asking me to love intentionally?

STAY WITH JESUS.

Read slowly. You do not need to answer everything. Ask Jesus to show you one thing, and stay with it.

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MY ENCOUNTER THIS WEEK

“I encountered Jesus through community.”

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- Build My Life — Pat Barrett / Housefires
- Jesus We Love You — Bethel Music

Ask Jesus to turn what you sing into concrete love for the people around you.

MONDAY

Ezra 9:5-15

I am writing the answer to question #__

TUESDAY

Romans 8:1-13

I am answering question #__

WEDNESDAY

Luke 6:46-49

I am answering question #__

THURSDAY

Psalm 119:33-40

I am answering question #__

FRIDAY

Ephesians 4:1-6,14-16

I am answering question #__

DON'T WALK ALONE.

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BRING IT UP

- Where did you sense Jesus speaking to you this week?
- What part of the message stayed with you?
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SOMETHING I WANT TO REMEMBER

YOUR TURN, KIDS – TIME TO ASK YOUR PARENT(S)

1. Who has Jesus given you to love? What are you doing to love them?
2. Have you ever given up on the body of Christ or the church because you got hurt?
3. What are we doing as a family to love others in Skyline?
4. Are you and Mom involved in a ministry at Skyline? Do you love the people your minister to?

PRAY TOGETHER

Jesus, show us who You have placed in front of us. Teach us to love intentionally, humbly, sacrificially, graciously, truthfully, and consistently.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE LIKE JESUS

SUNDAY CONNECTION

Joy That Can Be Yours — John 15:9-13

BIG QUESTION

Who is Jesus asking me to love intentionally?

LOOK BACK

What stayed with you from Sunday's message?

What challenged you, encouraged you, or made you uncomfortable?

READ TOGETHER

John 15:9-13 • John 13:1-17, 34-35 • 1 Corinthians 13

LOOK AT JESUS

BIG IDEA

Love is not only a feeling; it becomes action. Jesus does not simply command us to love — He shows us how to love.

LOVE INTENTIONALLY

Who am I loving so they can know Jesus?

LOVE HUMBLY

What humble act of service can I do?

LOVE SACRIFICIALLY

What sacrifice or comfort may be keeping me from loving or ministering to others?

LOVE GRACIOUSLY

Is there someone I need to forgive, be patient with, or give room to grow?

LOVE TRUTHFULLY

Am I avoiding truth in the name of love — or speaking truth without love?

LOVE CONSISTENTLY

Where am I tempted to stop serving or loving because I am tired, hurt, or unappreciated?

LOOK TO EACH OTHER

Which expression of Jesus-like love is easiest for you? Which is hardest?

How can this Life Group love one another more intentionally after this series ends?

LOOK AHEAD

Jesus, who are You asking me to love?

How will I love them?

When will I do it?

PRAY TOGETHER

Jesus, show us who You have placed in front of us. Teach us to love intentionally, humbly, sacrificially, graciously, truthfully, and consistently.

LOOK WHAT JESUS DID.

Before you move on, look back. An encounter becomes easier to remember when you name it.

WHERE DID JESUS MEET ME?

WHAT DID HE BRING INTO THE LIGHT?

WHAT TRUTH DID I RECEIVE?

WHAT STEP DID I TAKE?

WHAT CHANGED IN THE WAY I LOVE?

WHAT DO I WANT TO KEEP PRACTICING?

TELL YOUR STORY

One sentence I can share: "I encountered Jesus when..."

JESUS IS PRESENT.
JESUS IS PERSONAL.
JESUS WANTS TO MEET YOU FACE TO FACE.

REPENT • ABIDE • OBEY • DRAW NEAR • LOVE ONE ANOTHER

KEEP IT GOING

What will you keep doing after these five weeks so that Encounter becomes a way of life?

A SIMPLE RHYTHM FOR EVERY DAY: Here is an overview of what you will be reading throughout the entire 5 weeks. Read the passage. Ask one honest question. Write one sentence. Take one step. Bring one thing into community.

DAILY READING PLAN

Week 1:

- Psalm 51:1-4
- John 15:1-8
- John 14:23-24
- Psalm 119:1-8
- John 15:9-17

Week 2:

- Jonah 3:5-10
- Ephesians 3:14-19
- 1 Samuel 15:10-23
- Psalm 119:9-16
- Luke 10:25-37

Week 3:

- Luke 15:17-22
- Romans 3:21-28
- Daniel 3
- Psalm 119:17-24
- John 13:1-17, 34-35

Week 4:

- Luke 19:1-10
- Romans 6:5-14
- Galatians 5:13-26
- Psalm 119:25-32
- John 4:7-21

Week 5:

- Ezra 9:5-15
- Romans 8:1-13
- Luke 6:46-49
- Psalm 119:33-40
- Ephesians 4:1-6, 14-16

Final week:

- Acts 19:17-20
- Romans 8:26-39
- 1 John 2:3-6, 15-16
- Psalm 119:41-48
- 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

MAKE SPACE.

Fasting is a simple practice of laying something down so you can turn your attention more intentionally toward God. It is not about earning His attention - it is about making space to notice the One who is already near.

START WITH JOHN 15

Use the time you would normally spend eating or on the thing you are fasting from to pray, read Scripture, listen, and respond.

DURING YOUR FAST

1. Confess what you are hiding.
2. Abide: receive the identity and grace Jesus gives you.
3. Ask what He is asking you to do - then take the step.
4. Let His Word remain in you through prayer, reading, memorization, and meditation.
5. Ask who He wants you to love, and make a plan to act.

A SIMPLE FAST

A traditional option is a 24-hour food fast, from 6:00 PM to 6:00 PM the next day, drinking water and other simple non-caloric drinks as appropriate.

If you are fasting with your household, choose one shared moment to pray together: before school, at dinner, before bed, or during the time you would normally spend on the thing you are laying down.

Why fast? Because prayer and fasting help us say with our time and attention: Jesus, You matter more. I am making room to hear You, trust You, and respond.

Other ways to make space: fast one meal, social media, entertainment, sugar/caffeine, or another distraction - and use that time to pray, read Scripture, listen, and respond.

Choose a practice that is wise for you. If fasting from food is not medically appropriate, choose a non-food fast.

WHAT DID I NOTICE WHILE FASTING?

WHAT DID I DO WITH THE TIME I MADE SPACE?

KEEP MAKING ROOM.

The goal is not to have one powerful encounter and forget it. Build simple rhythms that help you keep noticing and responding to Jesus. Worship can be one of those rhythms - return to the weekly songs whenever you need help turning your attention back to Him.

SCRIPTURE
Read slowly enough to hear, not only finish.

PRAYER
Talk with Jesus honestly and leave room to listen.

WORSHIP
Turn your attention and affection toward Him.

MEMORIZE + MEDITATE
Carry His words with you.

FAST
Create space by laying something down.

SABBATH
Receive rest as a gift, not a reward.

MY RHYTHMS TO CONTINUE:

READ

Mon	Repent	Acts 19:17–20
Tue	Abide	Rom 8:26-39
Wed	Obey	1 John 2:3-6, 15-16
Thu	Draw Near	Psalm 119:41-48
Fri	Love	1 Thess 4:9-12

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Encounter: Face to Face with Jesus