



Exploring Encounter Prayer

SESSION 3



Creating a space for people to meet with the Living God

What do we mean by the presence of God? It's all about Jesus!

Welcome and opening prayer



Discussion



- How have you experienced God?
- Are there criteria for assessing whether an experience of God is genuine?

Video 3.1 Experiencing God



This video looks at the reality that the presence of God is no longer confined to a particular place, but is embodied in the person of Jesus, and the implications of this.

Discussion



- Do you think there is anything we can do to bring about an awareness of God's presence?
- Why do you think this?

Video 3.2 Encountering Jesus



This video looks at three aspects of fellowship with Jesus:

Glimpsing what happens as a result of enjoying his presence
Friendship with Jesus
Seeing his glory

Feedback



Share experiences of what happened in that time.

Bible study



Depending on the number attending this session, the following passages can be looked at by the whole group, small groups or individuals – and then thoughts shared with everyone.

- What effect should an experience of God have on us?

Look at:

- Luke 19:1-27: The story of Zacchaeus
- John 18:1-6: The reaction of the soldiers who came to arrest Jesus
- Matthew 11:20-24: What Jesus expected to happen in the towns where miracles were performed

Each of these stories is about what happened after people had met with Jesus, either as individuals or as groups.

- What effect did meeting Jesus have on them?
- What effect do you think He wanted?

Closing prayer and end

