



Exploring Encounter Prayer

SESSION 2



Creating a space for people to meet with the Living God

Changing the atmosphere: the Father's love

Pray



- Father, I pray that you will help me to truly worship you and create an atmosphere where I can know what it means to be loved by You and deepen my relationship with the Living God.

Amen

Questions to think about



You may find it helpful to make a note of your answers

- When you pray - who do you pray to?
- Why?
- What are some of the things that affect your attitude as you begin to pray?
- If necessary, what do you do to change your attitude?

Video 2.1



This video talks about:

Why God wants our worship
The atmosphere surrounding our prayer times
How we can change that atmosphere
The importance of rooting prayer in relationship

Reflect on the video



- How do you picture 'Father God'?
- What does that phrase mean to you?

Video 2.2

Growing in our relationship with Father God



This video looks at:

What it means to be loved by Father God
What about the wrath of God?
What if we don't 'feel' the love of God?
What is the extent of God's love for us?
The invitation to come back to His love continually

Reflect on the video



- Was there anything in the video that stood out for you?
- How deeply can you believe that you are loved as Jesus was loved?
- What stops you believing in his love for you?

Scriptures quoted in the video: 1 John 4:16 and John 17:26

Video 2.3

A prayer exercise in the Father's love



The script of this prayer time is printed on the next page

Reflect on the video



- How can you build this biblical truth into your everyday life and how do you think it will change the atmosphere?

Encounter prayer script 2:3



Picture yourself standing on a place of the Father's love for YOU, his heart for you.

Father, Abba Father

Father I want to be one who knows and relies on your love for me.

And so I want to begin with that truth - you loved me so much, you gave Jesus for me.

Father thank you, that is the proof of your love, the gift of Jesus.

And because you invite me to, I want to share in those words you said to Jesus that I am your beloved son/ daughter and you delight in me.

Say to yourself now!

"I am your beloved son/daughter - you delight in me."

Let the depth of that and the implications of that sink into you.

I am so deeply loved in such a personal way and in such a real way.

Father, thank you.

Amen