

Encountering God

Mark 10v46-52; Acts 1v1-8

1. "What do you want me to do for you?"

- a. "What is your heart's desire?"
- b. Are we really encountering God?
- c. We need to be a people who are:

2. Immersed in God - Acts 1v5

- a. Totally His - Matthew 6v33; Romans 12v1
- b. Focussed on Him - Hebrews 12v1-3

3. Empowered by God - Acts 1v8

- a. Gifted - 1Corinthians 12v7
- b. Enabled - Philippians 4v13

4. Waiting on God - Acts 1v4

- a. Actively Seeking - Mark 10v46-52; Luke 19v1-10
- b. Faithfully Serving - Luke 2v25-38

Welcome

Who is the most interesting person you have ever met and why?

Worship

Read Psalm 139. Ask the group what it means for God to know us intimately. Light a candle and focus on verses 11-12. In quiet prayer bring any areas of darkness, uncertainty, doubt before the light of Christ. Then gives thanks together for his light.

Word

1. Imaging you are asked by Jesus, "What do you want me to do for you?" How would you respond? Perhaps you could turn the answers into an opportunity to pray for one another.
2. Where should we be encountering God as a church? Is this happening and what can we do to improve the possibility for encounter?
3. How did the disciples respond to Jesus' command to wait (Acts 1v4)? Read the rest of Acts 1. What can we learn from them?

Witness

Make a decision to review the private time you spend waiting on and listening to God with a view to doing things differently, if necessary, to avoid any staleness creeping in.