Encountering God: Awe & Wonder Sermon Guide

Pastor Jimmy Seibert shared his personal journey of faith and explored the transformative power of encountering Jesus, repentance and the Holy Spirit. Let's dive deeper into these themes and consider how they apply to our lives.

This sermon emphasizes:

- Pastor Jimmy recounted his college experience of encountering Jesus and the radical transformation it brought
- The importance of making Jesus central in our lives rather than just a part of it
- The power of repentance, baptism and being filled with the Holy Spirit
- How our personal transformation can impact future generations

Key Scriptures:

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ — this Jesus whom you crucified." Acts 2:36-42 (NASB1995)

"Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father so we too might walk in newness of life." Romans 6:3-4 (NASB1995)

"And do not get drunk with wine for that is dissipation but be filled with the Spirit". Ephesians 5:18 (NASB1995)

Table Questions:

These are questions based on the scriptures and sermon to help you put the teaching into practice. They can be used in discipleship, Lifegroup, as a family or with whoever is around your table this summer.

- 1. Pastor Jimmy spoke about the "Welcome Week wheel." What areas of your life might be taking precedence over your relationship with Jesus?
- 2. How do you understand the concept of repentance and why is it important in our walk with God?
- 3. Have you been baptized since believing in Jesus? If not, what's holding you back? If yes, how did it impact your faith journey?
- 4. In what ways do you experience the Holy Spirit in your life? How can we be more open to His leading?

- 5. Pastor Jimmy mentioned that "every act of obedience produces grace." Can you share an experience where obedience to God led to unexpected blessings?
- 6. How can we create a balance between living in God's grace and actively pursuing spiritual growth?
- 7. The sermon touched on generational impact. How do you hope your faith will influence future generations?
- 8. What steps can you take to live more intentionally for Jesus in your current season of life?
- 9. How can we as a church community support each other in staying focused on Jesus and living out our faith?
- 10. The Hartsocks shared about their journey in ministry. How do you feel God might be calling you to step out in faith and serve Him?