



VICTORY CHURCH

Big Idea

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This new year, 2022, can be your best year ever if it is your best year spiritually. If we get our lives spiritually right this year, it will be our best year ever. We're in a church-wide 21 days of praying and fasting, a time when we intentionally and collectively seek God.

Pastor Curt's message **We Need An Encounter With God** focuses on our part to Reach Up to God, to have an encounter and connection with God, grow in our relationship with God both within the church family but also make a difference in the world around us. We want to be a church that when we show up together God shows up and when God shows up lives are changed, We can't stay the same when we are in the presence of God. In a moment God can change a life! Because of that we need to posture ourselves to be ready to encounter God. This is so important we are revising the order of our services to intentionally allow more opportunities to reach up and have a God encounter.

A God encounter is important because we need God's power, we need a personal experience with God, and we need God's presence which will give us joy! There are three attitudes to posture and prepare us for an encounter with God: 1) desperation to want God's way, 2) humility to want God's will, and 3) repentance to want to do God's work. God doesn't need you to be perfect, He needs you to be broken, to be honest with yourself and God.

Discussion Questions

- Think about before you became a believer. Since the greatest proof that Jesus is Lord is not our intellectual reasoning but our changed lives, what would you now say to unbelievers about Christ's power to transform your life?
- Once we turn to God, He removes our veil and heaven opens for a personal experience with Him. Our "veils" take on many forms: busyness, social obligations, excessive work, un-confessed sin, etc. What is your veil? What do you need to remove it and turn your face toward God?
- If you are on your way to becoming who God made you to be, what was the key for you to experience breakthrough?
- Discuss the three important needs we have for a God encounter.
- How can we posture ourselves to prepare for a God encounter? (PC mentioned three)

Prayer Focus

Thank God for giving you a flawless, truthful account upon which to build your faith. Make a commitment before Him that you will make the Bible the final authority in your life. Ask Him to help you grow in your love for the Word, learn His Word, and live out its truths every day.

Next Steps

We have started 21 Days of Prayer. Over the coming weeks, take time daily to surrender your life again to God. Ask Him for help in your journey to fulfill your potential, and recommit to an all-in mindset.

Leader Tip

Think about the steps you've taken to progress on your journey of becoming who God created you to be. Share practical steps that have been key for you.