

SESSIONS 2-3 - Saturday Morning, Understanding Encounter Prayer Ministry

I. WHAT ENCOUNTER PRAYER MINISTRY DOES

- A. Provides a way for you to meet with God in your spirit up to your mind (imagination) (1 Cor. 2:8-10; John 16:13-15).

But God has revealed them [the things that God has prepared] to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. (1 Cor. 2:10)

- B. Trains our mind to focus on the Lord. We will personally experience God.

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind [thoughts] is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. (Isa. 26.3)

- C. Transforms us. You encounter God in your spirit. Then to your mind. Then to your emotions. Then into your body.

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. (2 Cor. 3:18)

- D. Cultivates stillness with God.

Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10)

- E. Teaches us Sonship. Teaches you how to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. (Romans 8:14)

- F. Shows you how to overcome roadblocks one may have that keeps them from enjoying God. Many believers aren't even aware of the roadblocks they have in their lives towards God and others.

Behold, I [Jesus] stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. (Rev. 3:20)

- G. Gives us opportunities to inquire of the Lord. We ask questions and wait for a response.

One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple. (Ps. 27:4)

II. THE GENERAL PROCESS OF ENCOUNTER PRAYER MINISTRY

- A. Get into small groups of three people.

1. Find each other's roles for the cycle: *one recipient, facilitator, and intercessor*
2. Facilitate each person one at a time.

3. Have one person take notes and give them to the recipient to take with them and meditate on later.
- B. Do two short prayers before starting: The *facilitator* can lead this. Bless the recipient's spirit and consecrate their imagination (mind) to flow with the Holy Spirit. Prayers are listed below.
- C. Begin the Encounter.
1. The *recipient* can choose one of three things to do... Try the first option unless one gets stuck.
 - a. Let God take you where He wants.
 - (1) Just go to the first place that you see. Let it come naturally to you.
 - (2) It may not seem so, but most of the time, there is a reason you are there.
 - (3) For example, you may find yourself on a journey, in a jungle, on a mountain, at the beach, in a field, etc...
 - b. Imagine anywhere in the universe where you would like to meet with Jesus or anyone of the Trinity. Go there and then invite one of the Godhead to meet you there.
 - c. Go to a safe place in your childhood or a good memory that you with the Lord from your past.
 - d. Begin to report out loud what you are seeing or experiencing. Take "baby steps". You don't have to understand it at the beginning. Trust the Holy Spirit is showing you something.
 2. The *facilitator* can...
 - a. After the initial prayer, ask questions when the recipient gets stuck.
 - b. Do not interpret things for them but let them discover them.
 - c. If they get stuck, many times ask them again what they are seeing and what is happening around them. Many times when they do this a new thought comes in their mind.
 3. The *intercessor* can.... pray and support however needed.
- D. During the Encounter, engage with the presence of God.
1. Do you see, sense, feel Jesus or any part of the Trinity?
 2. Ask Him to come closer if He is not close.
 - a. If Jesus won't come closer, ask Him why. Perhaps there is a blockage.
 - b. If there is a reason, then give it over to Jesus. Imagine it as an object and then hand it over to him in a way significant to Him. Speak out what you are giving to Him and repent for keeping it.

3. Lord, what do you want to speak to _____? What do you want to reveal to them?
4. Lord is there something more here you want to say?
5. Continue on that process until the encounter is finished.

E. Concluding the time of Encounter.

1. The Facilitator asks, "Is there anything more you have to share with _____?"
2. Cover the recipient with the blood of Jesus: for protection over their life and all that belongs to them as well as for God to preserve the good work He did.
3. Thank the Lord for what He did.

III. PRAYERS

A. *Beginning* by blessing their spirit:

_____, I bless your spirit in the name of the Lord Jesus. You are _____*. I bless your spirit to enjoy time with the Lord and to go wherever He leads you.

*Call forth who they are in Christ from the Scriptures. Let the Holy Spirit give you a few words to bless them, for example, You are... *a son of God, God's special treasure, blameless, pure, filled with God's revelation, seated in heavenly places, strong in the Lord, beloved, safe, Jesus' sheep and you hear His voice, etc...*

B. *Beginning* by consecrating their imagination:

Father God, we ask you to cover _____ with the pure blood of the true Jesus Christ of Nazareth. We consecrate his/her mind, will, and emotions to You. We consecrate _____'s imagination to You and ask You to cleanse and sanctify it. You created us for encounter with You. We ask You to come, now, Holy Spirit, and minister to _____ in Jesus' name. Amen.

C. *Ending* with a consecration:

Lord, we ask you by the blood of Jesus for your covering and protection over _____ and everything that belongs to them. That nothing you showed them or nothing they did would be stolen by the Enemy. That there would be no retaliation by the Enemy from what we did today on either _____ or those ministering on the team with him/her. We cover all this activity by the pure blood of the true Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Amen.

IV. OTHER THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- A. Take time to absorb special moments with God. Let spiritual truths settle in the person's heart.
- B. For the *recipient*. Learn to get into a prophetic flow. When you begin to speak, other revelation comes to you. You don't have to understand it all to share it out loud.
- C. For the *facilitator*. Give the recipient time to speak and to wait on the Lord before interjecting. The Lord is leading it and will provide answers! You are helping ask questions when they are stuck that let's them continue on. You are a companion in the journey.

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, ... He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. (John 14:26)

But the anointing [of the Holy Spirit] which you have received from Him [Jesus] abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you (1 John 2:27)

- D. For the *facilitator* and *intercessor*: your presence and short, silent prayers during the encounter makes all the difference! God has promised to increase the anointing when we gather together in unity under the headship of our High Priest, Jesus (Psalm 133). You carry His presence, light and revelation with you when you gather together in His name (Mt. 18:20; 1 Cor. 14:26; Eph. 1:17).

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head [of Jesus], running down on the beard... garments [the whole body of Christ through Jesus]. For there the Lord commanded the blessing (Psalm 133)

Whenever you come together, each of you ... has a revelation... (1 Cor. 14:26)

...the Father of glory, may give to you [all] the spirit of wisdom and revelation. (Eph. 1:17)

- E. If you run into something demonic, don't be afraid. Try to understand why Jesus is showing you this first and versus worrying how to cast it out. Ask Jesus to show why He is letting you see it.

V. ACTIVITY / ACTIVATIONS