

Sermon Overview CEFC
August 13th, 2023

Title: Close Encounters
Passage: John 3:22-36

Introduction

Series Purpose: What we _____ about _____ is still a matter of _____ and _____.

Question: What does Jesus _____ of us when we have a _____ of the _____?

Main Point: Every close encounter of the Jesus kind _____ us to _____ our _____.

Responding to our Close Encounter Invitations

We all have _____ close encounters of the Jesus kind.

Jesus always _____ us a _____ invitation.

We have _____ good _____ to _____

Conclusion

Sermon Based Small Group Questions

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Main Point: Every close encounter of the Jesus kind invites us to change our lives.

1. Read John 3:22-36 as a group.
2. Think of an encounter with a person, an event, or a thing that changed your life. What was it about that encounter that changed you? How did it change you.
3. Review John 1:19 through 3:36. Do you see any repeated themes or patterns? What are they?
4. We talked about two common reasons that we often don't recognize close encounters of the Jesus kind: diversions and aversions. What are some things in your life that can divert you from recognizing a close encounter of the Jesus kind?
5. Why do you think we often choose to reject and remain (send regrets) rather than to believe and obey (accept)?
6. John left us with two good examples of responding well to the invitation that comes with a close encounter of the Jesus kind: John the Baptist and Mary the mother of Jesus. Which example resonates for you the most and why?
7. How can your small group help each other to recognize close encounters of the Jesus kind when they come. How might you encourage each other to respond well to the invitations those encounters bring?