

ENCOUNTER 2011

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FOLLOW-UP CURRICULUM

Welcome to the “**Encounter 2011 Follow-Up Curriculum**”

This curriculum has been designed to help provide both you and your youth group with an opportunity to further your discussion over what all you learned and were challenged with during your week at Encounter. This curriculum has been written by several different youth ministers from across the country. The hope is to provide you with resources and ideas to help grow and mature your teens in their understanding of both what it means to be “Sanctified” and set “Apart,” along with providing them with our *sub theme of “being prepared to give an answer.”

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer - 1 Peter 3:15

Outline Notes: Included in each lesson is a very basic outline, so that each youth minister/teacher can tailor-make the lessons to their varying teaching styles, as well as focus on some aspects of the lesson more than others, depending on where your youth group is. Suggestions are offered throughout each outline, and if you really want to dig deeper into a point, you can use the “other options”; they are all simply suggestions. Make it your own, and feel free to cut and, of course, expound upon anything. Also, realize that this COULD get very lengthy (We got excited when writing this stuff), so just use your discretion on the addition or subtraction of any part, or even whole outline points. Basically, feel free to make this your own.

Power Point/Keynote: Also provided are “some” Power Point slides to help save you time and hopefully keep your teens somewhat visually engaged. The parts of the class outline that are highlighted are the parts of the lesson that have slides. As mentioned above, please feel free to add or take away from the Power Point presentation.

Video Options: We have attempted to put together most of the video recommendations on Youtube for you but were not able to provide every clip. Hopefully the links provided for you will work correctly, and unfortunately if they don’t work, we do not provide any type of tech support ☹

Podcast Resource: We have also tried to provide some Podcast Resources for you to listen to as well. These podcasts will not follow the class outline exactly; they are only a supplementary resource for you to use for either yourself or maybe even as a follow-up for your teens to listen to. For a link to the podcast see the link listed below the class title.

Class Intro Videos: The intro videos can also be used with each class if desired. These videos are very short (no longer than 3 min.) and are not necessarily pertinent to the theme of the class.

Week 1 – A Strange Sense of Identity

<http://lakewoodcc.sermon.net/da/2694202>

[Week 1 Content](#)

Overview: Christ has called us to follow Him, and that **WILL** look different than the rest of this world. The purpose of this class is to help students understand that their life should be different from the rest of the world, and that is OK. Our students need to feel comfortable with, and embrace that difference. Our weirdness is our greatest strength.

Week 2 – Resurrection Changes Everything

[Week 2 Content](#)

Overview: Resurrection assures us that death is not the end and that God invites us to the kind of life that lasts forever. Having this hope and believing in it forms us into the kind of people that can live radically for God now...not fearing what might happen to us. We can therefore live a life that is set apart, a life that is unique, a life of radical courage, because we're not afraid.

Week 3 – Radical Trust

[Week 3 Content](#)

Overview: Our culture is obsessed with safety, security, and predictability. We like to feel in control, to have the power, and to know what is going to happen next. But Christ calls us to something different. Let's set aside secure, safe, and predictable...instead, let's be set apart...let's embrace adventure, risk, and a radical faith that says, "God, I don't know how you're going to work this out, but I trust you."

Week 4 – A Strange View of Prosperity

<http://lakewoodcc.sermon.net/da/2694208>

[Week 4 Content](#)

Overview: To be a Christian is to live so differently that people start to ask us why we're so strange.

Week 5 – Faith in Action

<http://lakewoodcc.sermon.net/da/2673764>

[Week 5 Content](#)

Overview: We often let what we can't accomplish get in the way of what we CAN accomplish. Are we, God's people, chosen and set apart to participate with God in restoring the world? Then let's prove it! Let's stand up and show that our faith isn't just about believing and going to church...that our faith is about action, the kind of action that might cause the world around us to see and say, "That's good news."

Week 6 – A Strange View of Reality

<http://lakewoodcc.sermon.net/da/2694359>

[Week 6 Content](#)

Overview: As Christians, we need to have a strange view of reality. Christians, being in the world but not of the world, are guaranteed to see the world differently than the rest of the world. The world simply cannot understand our strange view of reality, because they are caught up in sin.

***Week 7 – Our Faith is Not a Brick Wall**

<http://whchurch.org/sermons-media/sermon-topics/defense-of-christian-faith>

[Week 7 Content](#)

Overview: When asking hard questions about our faith it is easy to get “zoomed” in on the small details and miss out on the BIG picture of what the Bible is trying to tell and teach us! If we build our faith like a brick wall, there is a good chance that it may fall apart. Perhaps we should treat our faith more like a trampoline instead.

***Week 8 – Truth and Evidence**

[Week 8 Content](#)

Overview: Jesus claimed that he was the way the truth and the life (John 14:6-7) . This makes truth very important to Christianity. Jesus is THE truth. The objective of this section is to help students see that truth does exist. In our society truth is often seen as relative (“Something may be true for you, but it doesn’t have to be true for me.”). Students will learn that truth cannot be relative, but only absolute. They will also learn how to respond to difficult statements often made by those who believe that truth is relative.

To access this curriculum go to simply click the Content link below each week. The content for later weeks may not be uploaded yet. As soon as content is ready it’ll be uploaded for you.

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Find the Encounter 2011 Keynote audio and video files at www.lcu.edu/iTunesU