

## **Summary**

This sermon explores the transformative power of encountering God, drawing parallels between biblical stories and modern-day experiences, particularly in campus ministry. The pastor discusses how both Moses and the blind man in John's Gospel had life-changing encounters with God, and then shares contemporary examples of college students whose lives were similarly transformed through their involvement in campus ministry. The message emphasizes that God continues to work in people's lives today, just as powerfully as in biblical times.

## **Intro Prayer**

Dear Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss Your transformative power, we ask that You open our hearts and minds to recognize how You are working in our lives. Help us to be vulnerable with one another and to see Your presence in our daily encounters. Guide our discussion and help us to grow closer to You and to each other. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Ice Breaker**

Share about a time when you met someone who ended up having a significant impact on your life. How did that initial meeting happen?

## **Key Verses**

John 9:1-11

2 Corinthians 5:17

2 Corinthians 6:2

Exodus 3:14

## **Questions**

What similarities do you see between the biblical encounters with God and the modern-day stories shared in the sermon?

The blind man's neighbors had trouble recognizing him after his transformation. How does encountering God change how others see us?

In what ways have you experienced God's transformative power in your own life?

The sermon mentions that God didn't 'fall asleep at the end of the Bible.' How do you see God actively working in the world today?

What role does community play in experiencing God's transformative power?

How can we become better 'ambassadors for Christ' in our daily lives?

What barriers might prevent people from recognizing or accepting God's transformative presence?

The sermon ends with 'now is the day of salvation.' What does this mean for us practically in our daily lives?

### **Life Application**

This week, be intentionally aware of how God might be trying to encounter you in unexpected ways or through unexpected people. Keep a daily journal of moments where you sense God's presence or see His transformative work in your life or in others' lives.

### **Key Takeaways**

God continues to transform lives today just as powerfully as in biblical times

Encounters with God often come through community and relationships

Transformation isn't just for personal benefit but to help transform others

God's timing for transformation is always 'now'

Every believer is called to be an ambassador for Christ's transformative power

### **Ending Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your constant presence and Your desire to transform our lives. Help us to be open to encountering You in new ways and to be vessels of Your transformative power in others' lives. Give us the courage to share our stories of transformation and to be Your ambassadors in our daily lives. In Your powerful name we pray, Amen