



# ENCOUNTER INFO

**Would you like to experience freedom in every area of your life?  
Is there an area of you life that is holding you back from growing in the Lord?  
Do you ever feel like you are just going through the motions in your Christian life?  
Would you like to spend a whole weekend hearing clearly from the Lord on your life?  
Then the Encounter is exactly what you need.**

## *What is an “Encounter Weekend”?*

An Encounter Weekend is an invitation to surrender completely to God. In order to experience freedom you must be willing to surrender every area of your life to the Lord. “Freedom from what?” you ask. Freedom from habits, burdens, wrong thinking, bitterness, and past experiences that hold you back. Freedom to live the life God created you to live. Can you imagine what that would be like for you?

Hundreds of people have attended these life-changing weekends and have walked away with tremendous testimonies of how God has impacted their lives. The life-change starts with an Encounter weekend, and then you have the opportunity to continue in the Encounter Process with follow-up classes, offered only to those who attend an Encounter. If you come with a humble and open heart, ready to allow God to change you from the inside out, you will truly be blessed.

Your freedom started 2000 years ago on the cross. Jesus had to die to give you the freedom to live. Come, encounter the cross, and live.

## *What happens during the “Encounter”?*

There will be approximately 80 other men or women on the Encounter with you (they are gender specific). Food, lodging, and transportation are provided for you. They are held at Christian camps in the Southern California area. You will experience fellowship, like never before, with others from Shepherd. During the weekend there will be testimonies, biblical teachings and time with the Lord, which will help you understand what freedom looks like for you in every area of your life. Two Pre-Encounter meetings help prepare your heart for the weekend and Post-Encounter meeting solidify what transpired over the weekend. If you’re open, your life could be changed forever.

## *Top 10 Reasons you should go on an Encounter:*

10. To get away from the business of life.
9. To will other men or women from Shepherd.
8. To learn how to serve God and others.
7. To understand who you are and why God created you.
6. To grow in your relationship with God.
5. To hear clearly from the Lord about your life.
4. To experience the cross in a very real and powerful way.
3. To surrender every area over to God.
2. To experience freedom from anything holding you back.
1. **To learn how to truly live as Christ intended.**