

CONVERSATIONS WITH JESUS

Ten Encounters That Reveal Who He Is and What It Means to Follow Him

Fall Bible Study

About This Study

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus encountered people in the ordinary and extraordinary circumstances of their lives. Some came to Him with questions. Others came carrying pain, disappointment, guilt, uncertainty, or need. Some were searching for answers. Others encountered Jesus when they least expected Him.

These conversations allow us to listen closely to Jesus. We hear what people asked Him, notice what concerned them, and pay attention to the way Jesus responded. Again and again, His words reveal both the condition of the human heart and the character of God.

During these ten weeks, we will enter ten of these Gospel encounters. Our purpose will be simple: to understand what was happening, listen carefully to what Jesus said, discover what the encounter reveals about Him, and consider what His words mean for our own lives today.

Our Approach

Each week we will read one Gospel passage together and consider five questions:

1. **What was happening in this encounter?**
2. **What did the person bring to Jesus—questions, needs, fears, assumptions, or desires?**
3. **What did Jesus say or do?**
4. **What does this conversation reveal about Jesus?**
5. **What does this conversation say to us about living with and following Him?**

You are encouraged to read the assigned Scripture before each week's class. Come prepared to listen, ask questions, share your observations, and learn from Scripture and from one another.

Our Ten-Week Journey

Week One — Nicodemus: Being Born Again

Scripture: John 3:1–17

Central Question: What does Jesus mean when He says we must be born again?

Week Two — The Samaritan Woman: The One Who Knows Us

Scripture: John 4:4–30

Central Question: What happens when Jesus meets us where we really are?

Week Three — The Woman Caught in Adultery: Grace and a New Direction

Scripture: John 8:1–11

Central Question: How does Jesus hold grace and transformation together?

Week Four — Martha: When Life Becomes Too Much

Scripture: Luke 10:38–42

Central Question: What can distract us from what matters most?

Week Five — The Rich Young Ruler: What Are We Holding Onto?

Scripture: Mark 10:17–27

Central Question: What can stand between us and wholehearted devotion to Christ?

Week Six — Bartimaeus: What Do You Want Me to Do for You?

Scripture: Mark 10:46–52

Central Question: What does persistent faith look like?

Week Seven — Martha at the Tomb: Faith in the Face of Loss

Scripture: John 11:17–27

Central Question: What does it mean to trust Jesus when life has disappointed us?

Week Eight — Zacchaeus: When Jesus Comes Home

Scripture: Luke 19:1–10

Central Question: How does an encounter with Jesus change the way we live?

Week Nine — Peter: Do You Love Me?

Scripture: John 21:15–19

Central Question: What does Jesus do with people who have failed Him?

Week Ten — The Thief on the Cross: Remember Me

Scripture: Luke 23:32–43

Central Question: What does this final conversation teach us about grace, salvation, and hope?

A Word as We Begin

We begin our journey with a man who came to Jesus at night and heard the words, **“You must be born again.”** We conclude beside a dying man who turned toward Jesus and heard the promise, **“Today you will be with Me in Paradise.”**

Between those two conversations, we will meet people wrestling with shame, distraction, possessions, physical need, grief, transformation, and failure. Their circumstances differ, but each encounter brings us face-to-face with the same Person.

As we study, our deepest question will therefore be larger than any single lesson:

Who is this Jesus, and what happens to people when they truly encounter Him?