

EPIC Group Night: Practice Prophetic Encouragement;

Opening: ENOCH Walk. What was the purpose. Read verses. What do we learn from Enoch.

- Genesis 5:21–24 (The Original Account)
- Hebrews 11:5–6 (Faith Hall of Fame)
- Jude 1:14–15 (The Prophetic Enoch)

1) Scripture & Guardrails Read 1 Cor 14:1,3, 1 Thess 5:19–21, John 15:15.

- Guardrails: we aim for **strengthening, encouraging, and comfort**. Keep words **short, humble, and testable**: “I sense / I’m seeing / Please weigh this.”
- Jesus is Lord; Scripture is final.
- Teams of See, Hear, Feel, Know

2) Worship + Listening Calibration

A. A MAN FROM THE 1800s

B. An Author who wrote: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.”

C. Share and Compare (read his story)

3) Now a man from today - The Interview I have asked a man in this room some questions.

1. What season are you in with God right now?
2. One joy / one pressure?
3. Where do you need wisdom?
4. Any open doors you’re discerning?
5. How can we pray for your family?
6. What are you asking God for in the next 90 days?

4) Practice Listening in general and for Him (Silent)

- “Jesus, share with me your words, your voice, your images, help me to know what you want to share to feel your heart for this man. Listen for **word / verse / picture / phrase/feeling/ a confident knowing**. Write it down plainly.

5) Sharing Prophetic Encouragement

- Pens down. Reveal The man in the Hot Seat
- Go around the circle. Short, clear, kind.
- Scribe logs on one page per word: **Giver, Type (Word/Verse/Image), Content (1–2 sentences), Actionable? (Y/N)**

- Interviewee simply says: “**Resonates/Some/Not now.**” No pressure. Weigh gently (1 Thess 5:21).

6) Compare to Interview (5–10 min)

- Hold the interview notes next to the words.
- Sort each word into the simple discernment buckets:
 - **GO** – resonates & aligns with Scripture (pray/act).
 - **SLOW** – partial; keep praying; seek counsel.
 - **SHELF** – possibly true but not yet; write, date, revisit monthly.
- End with a **brief prayer** sealing what’s from the Lord.

7. Prophetic Pictionary

Story Behind What a Friend We have in Jesus

In 1842, an Irishman named Joseph Scriven graduated from Trinity College, Dublin, and promptly fell head over heels in love with a girl from his hometown. They got engaged and with great excitement planned their wedding and began dreaming about their future together as husband and wife.

The eve of their wedding arrived at last and Joseph's fiancée saddled a horse to go and see him. Tragically, it was one of the last things she would ever do. A little later, Joseph saw his bride-to-be riding toward him and he grinned. But suddenly, just as she was crossing the bridge over the river, her horse bucked and threw her like a rag doll down into the river below. In a blind panic, Joseph ran to the river, calling out her name. He plunged into the icy waters, but it was too late. His bride was already dead.

Heartbroken, Joseph immigrated to Canada, where eventually he fell in love again. In 1854, Joseph was due to marry Eliza Roche, but she fell ill and grew progressively worse. The wedding was repeatedly postponed until three years later, Eliza died. Joseph Scriven would never again give his heart to another.

Back home in Ireland, Joseph's mother was deeply concerned for her heartbroken son, and he in turn was concerned for her. One night, Joseph penned a poem to comfort her, little knowing that it would become one of the best loved songs of all time. Several years later, a friend found it in a drawer at Joseph's house and was deeply moved. “The Lord and I wrote it together”, Joseph explained. That poem, forged out of so much disappointment and pain, continues to call millions of people to their own Gethsemanes to admit their grief, their trials and temptations, their sorrows and their every weakness to Jesus in the privilege of prayer.

What a friend we have in Jesus
What a friend we have in Jesus All our sins and griefs to bear What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit O what needless pain we bear All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer
Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness
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