

Encounter 1: The Shepherd's Whisper

Theme Scripture: John 10:27

Prophetic Growth Objective: Learn to still the noise, posture the heart, and recognize the Shepherd's familiar voice.

Setup:

Chairs in a circle. Quiet instrumental worship. Journals and pens for everyone.

Flow:

- **Welcome & Prayer**
“Men, take a breath. Slow down. Jesus, we’re here for You. We’re not chasing an experience; we’re coming to know You. Open our ears to Your voice.”
- **Posture**
“Close your eyes. Picture Jesus here. Whisper, ‘Speak, Lord, I’m listening.’ Let His peace fill the room.”
- **Receive**
“Ask Jesus: What do You want to say to me right now? Maybe a word, a phrase, an image, or a Scripture.”
Allow silence. Write freely, no filtering.
- **Clarify**
“Now ask: What do You mean by this, Lord? What do You want me to do with it?”
Encourage reflection and journaling.
- **30-45 | Share in Pairs**
Partners share what they sensed. The other simply listens, then prays blessing and courage over it.
- **45-55 | Weigh & Confirm**
“Does it align with Scripture? Does it bring peace, hope, and love?”
Brief group reflection.
- **55-60 | Blessing**
“Jesus, thank You for speaking. Seal every true word. Teach us to follow quickly when You whisper.”

Encounter 2: See and Share

Theme Scripture: Acts 2:17

Prophetic Growth Objective: Recognize how God speaks through pictures and images to encourage others.

Setup:

Paper and markers or pens. Gentle worship music.

Flow:

- **Welcome & Focus**
“Men, God is creative. He speaks in words *and* pictures. Tonight, we’ll ask for a simple image for someone that builds them up.”
- **Invite**
Pray: “Holy Spirit, we trust You. We only want what strengthens, encourages, and comforts.”
- **Receive the Picture**
“Ask: Lord, show me a picture or symbol that represents what You see in one of my brothers.”
Draw or write it simply.
- **Share**
In pairs: describe what you saw and how it made you feel. Then ask the receiver, “Does this resonate?”
Keep it short, gentle, and honoring.
- **Weigh Together**
“Does this reflect God’s nature and His Word?”
Encourage honest discernment.
- **Blessing**
“Father, thank You for showing us glimpses of Your heart. Grow our confidence in recognizing Your creativity.”

Encounter 3: Threshold Prayer**Theme Scripture:** Colossians 3:15**Prophetic Growth Objective:** Learn to invite God’s peace at every doorway, home, work, or ministry.**Setup:**

Have a front door or hallway accessible; a few props (briefcase, keys, coat).

Flow:

- **Welcome & Scripture**
“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” (Col. 3:15)
- **Teaching Moment**
“Every threshold is an invitation to pause and listen. Before you enter a place, ask: Holy Spirit, what’s Your heart here?”
- **Practice Thresholds**
Create 3 symbolic doorways (work, home, relationships).

Men take turns stepping through each, pausing to ask, “Jesus, what do You want me to bring into this place?”

- **Small Group Share**

Discuss what they sensed. Did peace lead? Did the Lord nudge?

- **Real-Life Activation**

Encourage each man to do a “doorway prayer” this week.

- **Blessing**

“Lord, teach us to carry Your presence across every threshold we walk through.”

Encounter 4: The Next Thing I Hear

Theme Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:10

Prophetic Growth Objective: Cultivate expectancy that God speaks in everyday moments.

Setup:

Plan a short neighborhood walk to sit outside for natural sounds, or better yet meet in a public place and give these instructions.

Flow:

- **Welcome**

“Men, God is not limited to quiet time. He’s always communicating, through Scripture, creation, and conversation.”

- **Brief Teaching**

“The next song lyric, phrase, or sound could be a gentle nudge from Him. We’ll test everything by His Word and peace.”

- **Listening Walk**

In pairs, walk quietly for 10–15 minutes. Listen, birdsong, street noise, words overheard, a song heard. Ask: “Lord, what do You want me to notice for my brother?”

- **Process Together**

Return and share what stood out. “Did something echo or stir faith?”

- **Blessing**

“Jesus, thank You that You’re not silent. Tune our ears to hear You in all things.”

Encounter 5: Lectio and Follow

Theme Scripture: John 10:27–30

Prophetic Growth Objective: Learn to obey quickly what Jesus highlights through Scripture.

Setup:

Have printed copies of John 10:27–30 or open Bibles.

Flow:

- **Welcome & Prayer**
“Lord, Your voice and Your Word are never separate. Speak through the living Word tonight.”
- **Lectio Reading**
Read the passage three times slowly.
After each reading, invite sharing: “Which word or phrase stands out?” “Why this word?” “What might You be saying, Jesus?”
- **Partner Share**
In pairs, share your word and any obedience step you sense.
- **Commitment**
“Let’s ask: What’s one simple act of obedience we’ll take this week?”
Partners text each other tomorrow as follow-up.
- **Blessing**
“Lord, make us quick to follow the sound of Your voice.”

Encounter 6: Discernment Circle

Theme Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:19–22

Prophetic Growth Objective: Learn to test what we hear, together, in love and order.

Setup:

Whiteboard or paper with 4 Ps columns: Promises, Peace, Providence, People.

Flow:

- **Teaching**
“Prophecy is for edification, but it’s partial. We test, not to doubt God, but to discern together.”
- **Present Words**
Each man shares a word with someone else in the group.
- **Weigh Together**
Use 4 Ps:
 - **Promises (Scripture alignment)**
 - **Peace (inner witness)**

- **Providence (circumstances)**
- **People (wise counsel)**
Group helps discern: *Shelf, Seed, or Step.*
- **Prayer**
Pray for clarity, unity, and courage.
- **Blessing**
“Holy Spirit, thank You for community that protects and strengthens Your voice in us.”

Encounter 7: SEC Exchange

Theme Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:1–5

Prophetic Growth Objective: Practice strengthening, encouraging, and comforting one another with Spirit-led words.

Setup:

Circle seating. Optional background worship.

Flow:

- **Welcome**
“Men, tonight we practice the purpose of prophecy, to strengthen, encourage, and comfort.”
- **Prayer of Invitation**
“Holy Spirit, we only speak what reflects Your love and truth.”
- **Listen and Share**
Ask: “Lord, give me a word, verse, or picture that will *strengthen, encourage, or comfort* one brother.”
Share in short bursts, one at a time.
Receiver responds briefly: “That resonates” or “I’ll pray into that.”
- **Group Reflection**
“What did you feel as you gave or received?” Emphasize humility and safety.
- **Blessing**
“Jesus, make our words rivers of life. Teach us to speak Your heart with gentleness and power.”

Encounter 8: Peace or Check?

Theme Scripture: Colossians 3:15

Prophetic Growth Objective: Grow as discerning feelers, led by peace, not ruled by emotion.

Setup:

Comfortable seating; a calm environment.

Flow:

- **Welcome**

“Peace is not passive, it’s the umpire of the heart. Let’s learn to notice His yes and His no.”

- **Explanation**

“A check in your spirit is His mercy saying, ‘Pause.’ Peace is His permission saying, ‘Proceed.’”

- **Exercise**

“Ask the Lord to bring to mind one person or situation. Notice what you feel: peace, burden, or tension. Write it down.”

- **Partner Share**

Discuss what you felt. Ask: “Does this align with Scripture and love?” Pray together accordingly.

- **Ministry Time**

Each man receives 2–3 minutes of prayer based on what surfaced.

- **Blessing**

“Prince of Peace, rule in our hearts and teach us to discern through Your presence.”

Encounter 9: Inner Witness & Knowing

Theme Scripture: Philippians 4:7

Prophetic Growth Objective: Learn to recognize the Spirit’s inner witness and make faith-filled decisions.

Setup:

Have notecards for each man labeled: Promises, Peace, Providence, People.

Flow:

- **Welcome**

“Men, tonight we’ll explore how God confirms His direction through layers of peace and wisdom.”

- **Exercise**

- Each man writes a current decision or question on the card
- As a group invite God to speak into what each man sees in each category (Promises, Peace, Providence, People).

- **25–45 | Triads**

discuss what seems clear, what’s missing, and pray for one another.

- **45–55 | Commitment**
“Decide if it’s time to Shelf (wait), Seed (pray), or Step (act).”
Note any Scripture or confirmation to watch for.
- **55–60 | Blessing**
“Spirit of Truth, lead us into all wisdom and confidence in Your timing.”

Encounter 10: Waiting School

Theme Scripture: Isaiah 40:31

Prophetic Growth Objective: Transform silence and delay into deeper intimacy and endurance.

Setup:

Dim lights. Gentle worship background.

Flow:

- **Welcome**
“Sometimes God’s silence is not absence, it’s an invitation to deeper trust.”
- **Scripture & Reflection**
Read Isaiah 40:31 and Psalm 27:14.
“What do these verses say about waiting?”
- **Write it**
Prompts: “What promise am I still waiting for?” “Where am I growing weary?” “What does it look like to wait *with* You, not *for* You?”
- **Ministry Together**
pray over one another for renewed strength and hope. Ask God as a group for things to speak into each others waiting
- **Group Declaration**
Speak aloud: “We will wait upon the Lord. Our strength will be renewed.”
- **Blessing**
“Lord, in our waiting, make us worshipers. In silence, make us still. In hope, make us strong.”
