

## Lightwave Week 6: Encountering God

Today we're exploring the fifth of 5 values for healthy Lightwave groups.



**A**ll Involved  
**B**ecoming Disciples  
**C**reating Community  
**D**oing Evangelism  
**E**ncountering God

### **Welcome** (20mins)

Over a cup of tea or coffee, tell your group about your week since you last met. Describe it in terms of the weather, choosing a word that captures

how you feel eg. muggy, stormy, unsettled, fine, sunny.

## **Worship** (15mins)

Offer the feelings you shared in a short prayer (Pray at greater length for any particular needs which arose in your conversation.)

Read John 1.35-51

Then let one of the group lead you in an Ignatian prayer exercise. Imagine that you are with John as he points out Jesus passing by. Listen as Jesus asks you, "What do you want?" Give him your own answer. What happens next?

## **Word** (30 mins)

1. If you feel able, share something from the prayer exercise. How did you react inwardly when John said "Look the Lamb of God"? What was your response when Jesus asked you "What

do you want?" Did you feel that Jesus spoke to you in any way through this prayer time?

2. Who did each person in the story think Jesus was?

John (v.36)	Two disciples
(v.38) Andrew (v.41)	
Philip (v.45)	Nathaneal
(v.49)	

3. Whose views of Jesus changed as they encountered him? How? What caused the changes?

4. Try to remember how you reacted when you first heard about Jesus. How have your encounters with him changed your view since?

5. What do you think v.51 means?

6. What sort of expectations should a Lightwave group have of encountering God together?

## **Witness** (20 mins)

Is there anyone who has a story of a personal encounter with God they would be willing to share: Share it now or plan for one or two people to do so next week. Continue to pray for family and friends – and for any witness activity you are planning together.