



“My Encounter” – Layne Schranz
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Review It

The difference between knowing about something and actually encountering it for yourself is a stark contrast. We all have a longing inside us to encounter the living God. Over the course of these two weeks, we will explore how we can encounter the Cross of Christ!

Talk About It

1. Why is it so important that we have an encounter with the Cross?
2. There are many benefits to the cross, but control is not one of them. Are we willing to release control and surrender our lives to the cross? How is your life changed in the face of such surrender?
3. How embarrassing must it have been for Simon to be seen carrying that cross? He looked like a common criminal. How does that relate to us as we take up our cross for the sake of Christ?
4. Our God cannot be understood by us. We have to be willing to trust in His goodness even when we don't understand Him. Why is this so difficult for us?
5. The way that we're able to encounter the cross is through surrendering our will. Jesus ultimately surrendered His will to God's and went to the cross. Why is surrender such a challenge for us? Why is it so important that we surrender our will to His?

Think About It

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any area of your life that you've not surrendered to Him. Ask Him to help you lay down your life for His sake.

Act On It

Choose to lay down your life in all areas. Spend time each day in worship to the Lord. Choose to do something this week that you don't WANT to do; do it because it's His will.