

This past Sunday we heard from Pat Bopp on the topic of “The Necessity of Divine Encounters”.

There are 3 cautions with Divine Encounters:

1. Divine Encounters cannot become the measuring stick of spirituality. (2 Corinthians 12:1-6)
2. Divine Encounters cannot become the exclusive focus of our pursuit of God. (1 Corinthians 7:29-31; 1 Cor. 2:12)
3. We are not called, per se, to duplicate other people’s divine encounters with God.

The Purposes of Divine Encounters:

1. Divine Encounters are a pathway to divine destiny.
2. The elements of Divine Encounters often mirror the dynamic of the call itself. (Isaiah 6:2-7)
3. Divine Encounters are designed to be transformational. (2 Cor. 3:18)

Appropriating Divine Encounters:

1. Consecrate yourself to God and engage in holy living.
2. Pay close attention to daily encounters with God.
3. Consider the normative nature of divine encounters in the New Testament Church.
4. Discover God’s rhythms – both natural and spiritual – for your life and stay in them – including the Sabbath.
5. Ask, seek and knock until you encounter God – Go where God is moving by His Spirit; ask for impartational prayer.

Practical Application

1. God wants to have Divine Encounters with us! What have been some encounters that have blessed you the most?
2. How do you find yourself different after Divine Encounters with God?
3. Do you find it easy to fall into the 3 “caution” areas that Pat spoke about?
4. What are you doing on a daily level that appropriate Divine Encounters?