

## **FAQ :: Encounter**

### **How often do we meet?**

Every other week at least. Time on personal retreats and participating other BD events is ideal.

### **What is the purpose?**

There are three truths about God and three corresponding truths about ourselves that I either directly or indirectly wish to keep in focus throughout our time:

*God is near; we are distracted.*

*God is strong; we are weak.*

*God is abundant; we are full of desire.*

These are simple, but no less powerful. These three truths recast every aspect of our work and life; when these truths are present, our perspective changes dramatically.

*So, in short, the purpose of our time is to bring God's powerful and abundant presence to bear in every area of life.*

### **What difference does that make?**

Wisdom is the short answer. Wisdom is truth come-alive in life and work. God uses the time I spend with folks making me wise for his purposes; I expect the same for the folks I'm visiting with. Wisdom is the powerful, present, abundant voice of God we hear calling to us on the street corners of our life.

### **Really, what difference does it make?**

Wisdom leaves its imprint on the very real and ordinary places of our life. There are real changes that occur in our person, home, work, and relationships.

~**Personal**~ Body, mind, and spirit being challenged on a regular basis so as to stay fit and sharp in every area; disciplines integrated into every aspect of his life. The Word of God being experienced through regular time in the Words of God: Scripture is source of teaching, rebuke, correction. (As a pastor/leader, this place of contact with God's Spirit is the basis for all words and action in the community of believers.) Here, God's strong and abundant presence is experienced first and foremost.

~**Home**~ Clearer perspective, better use of time and serving ones family not as an aside or leftover, but as the top priority in human relationships. I think of change here as the participant being more fully present and life-giving to his family.

~**Work**~ Discerning the difference between calling and vocation, seeking integration of values, commitments, and talents making him more energetic and focused in his work. In some instances, he will benefit by seeing his work situation more clearly and thereby understand how make key decisions. Doing away with false dichotomies: spiritual/secular; material/spiritual; body/spirit. Seeking integration.

~**Relationships**~ Decreasing isolation, especially amongst peers; seeking to speak into and receive from friends' lives in all the different ways that may happen. I see him growing as an initiator amongst his peers, seeking out relationship in a few close friends. The changes that God desires to do aren't fully realized outside of relationship/community.

### **How does Chad make a living doing this?**

BetterDays pays my salary. In turn, I ask that those who participate in Encounter make a contribution equal to the value of my time spent with them: \$70 per visit. Our time together *is not* contingent upon this level of contribution. If someone gives more than this amount, the difference is can be taken as a tax credit. Each month participants receive a log of time spent and contributions made.

It is my desire that we can meet every-other week, which would total about 26 or so visits over the course of the year. That contribution can be given in one lump sum or spread out over the course of the year. I really enjoy our times together; I pray that they are beneficial to you in every way God desires.

Thanks for your interest. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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