

**Life Group Questions 19/05/2024**  
**Close Encounters – In The Upper Room**  
**Reflections on Pentecost Sunday**

**Introduction:**

As we look back over the Close Encounters series, what has most impressed you about Jesus' encounters with his disciples? What difference has this made to you, if any?

**Discussion:**

1. How did Jesus prepare the way for the coming of the Holy Spirit? (Acts 1:1-8)
2. How did the believers prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit? (Acts 1:12-14)
3. Why do you think the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost? (Acts 2:5-8)
4. What is the Holy Spirit like? (see for example, John 14:16-17)
5. What is his ministry? (see Acts 2:17-21)
6. What other passages of Scripture about the Holy Spirit are important to you?
7. How can we experience more of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives? (see, for example, Matth 4:4, Ephesians 6:17, Luke 11:11-13)

8. Joseph Hart, an 18C minister and hymn writer said this in one of his hymns: “True religion is more than notion; something must be known and felt”. Why don’t we experience more of this? (see, for example, Ephesians 4:30-32)

## **Conclusion:**

What’s the one thing God wants you to take into the coming week or month from this study? Pray for one another if you are meeting in a group.

Share your thoughts with someone if you are not meeting in a group.

## **Resource:**

Time out with God

<https://navigators.co.uk/product/time-out-with-god/>

How do you relate with a God you cannot see? This short booklet gives you simple, clear steps on how to take time each day to grow in your relationship with God. Discover the difference even a regular 9-minute slot of prayer, reading the Bible and writing a journal can make to your life. A great resource if you are looking to start this vital habit or to pass on to others if you are involved in disciple making.