

**Encounter One:
Getting to Know Each Other and Laying the Foundation of the Visits**

The purpose of this Encounter is to create an environment and begin a relationship that will foster conversation about the important matters of faith.

1. Begin introductions, if necessary, telling a little about yourselves. The mentor could briefly share what they were doing/thinking in 10th grade, and the student might share what he/she hopes to be doing when he/she is the age of the mentor!
2. Read **2 Timothy 1: 1-7** together.
Paul gives thanks for the faith that has been passed from generation to generation (the purpose of mentoring). The older mentor also grows as he/she seeks to understand the questions, challenges, and current faith of the younger “mentor.”

Note the prayer relationship between Paul and Timothy.

Discuss how the two of you can regularly pray for each other. Agree to make note of specific prayer concerns that arise between now and your next meeting.

3. Discuss your schedules and the best times for you to meet. Decide on your next meeting and a plan that will allow you to complete all Encounters by mid-July. Stay ahead of schedule to allow for conflicts that may cause you to post-pone meetings.
4. Exchange phone numbers, email addresses, home addresses, Facebook or other social network addresses.
5. Make plans to greet each other when you are in worship!
6. Exchange reflections about the persons and experiences throughout your lives that have shaped your faith and picture of God. **The student should keep notes for including some of this in his/her Faith Story.**

Close your Encounter with prayer. Begin with any specific prayers you may wish to offer (you might try “list” or “popcorn” prayer) and conclude with the following:

We give you thanks, almighty God, that in many ways and through many people your Holy Spirit gathers us into your church. Be present with us now in this mentoring relationship that, discovering the length and breadth and height and depth of your love for us, we may be filled with the fullness of your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen