



**encounter**church



*Encounter Women are ladies of all ages  
meeting for Community, Faith and Service.*

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Greetings,

Ladies, studying culture is fascinating; there are a plethora of ways people adapt to their environment and to their nurture in family groups.

**Culture is the way a close group of people live and act.** Whether they eat meat or not; whether men wear earrings or not; if women do all the housework could all be cultural issues. Boys in Panama learn early to climb a greased pole. It is not important in the Kingdom of God but it is important to their culture. God invented culture; He loves the variety and promises that heaven will comprise of every tribe and nation—no matter what their skin color or culture.

**God's Kingdom is anywhere God rules.** The Kingdom of God includes every born again Christian. People who belong to the Kingdom of God, regard Jesus Christ as their Lord and know they belong to the body of Christ. I spent my early years in a Mennonite community. We ate Borsht and freshly baked bread, milked cows, butchered pigs, and farmed the land; but on Sunday we went to church and did no work. We spoke German at home and at church. I was genuinely born again in that church. My culture was Mennonite. Though I thought it was a sin to wear makeup—that was really only cultural. In this time in World history it is imperative that we distinguish what is cultural and what is truly Christ like. What does our King require of us? When Jesus was asked by an “expert in the law” how to inherit eternal life, He replied “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul with all your

strength, and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” **(Luke 10:27)** That is the strongest characteristic of Kingdom culture—that we love our king. How do we do that? Jesus said to love our neighbor as ourselves. We may not understand our neighbor’s culture but we are mandated to love and respect them. Lord, show us how to love a neighbor of another culture well this week.

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**July’s event:**

Ladies please join us for a hike/nature walk!

**Who:** You and your children are welcomed. However, there will be no childcare.

**Where: South Platte Park and Carson Nature Center**

3000 W Carson Dr, Littleton, CO 80120.

Near RTD Mineral station

<https://www.ssprd.org/nature>

**When:** July 25, 2020 10am-noon

**What:** Games and Fun! Scavenger hunt, fellowship, and nature.

**Miscellaneous Information:** Please bring your own beverages, food, sunscreen etc. There are stroller friendly paths. Please contact us if you have any additional questions.

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Devyn will have her Zoom meeting on Sunday afternoon at 3 pm.

Be sure to reserve your place for either event below:

**Love and Prayers,  
Frieda Maclear**

Pastor of Women’s Ministry  
Encounter Church

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Join Devyn  
Holland

Join Pastor  
Frieda

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