

EXPERIENCING GOD



“Knowing and Doing
the Will of God”

SERIES BEGINS



Why Experiencing God?

Jesus said, “This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent” (Jn 17:3). The essence of eternal life is for you to know God and to know Jesus Christ, whom He has sent. Knowing God does not come through a program, a teaching, or a method. Real Christianity is not merely a religion; it is a relationship with a Person. It is an intimate relationship with God. Through this relationship God reveals His will and invites you to join Him where He is at work. When you body, God accomplishes through you something only He can do. Then you come to know God in a more intimate way by experiencing Him at work through your life.

Through this study we want to help you move into a deeper relationship with God where you experience eternal life to the fullest right here and now. Jesus said in John 10:10 “I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.” You can experience a better life if you are willing to respond to God’s invitation to an intimate love relationship with Him.

Major Themes in this Study

- 1. God is always at work around you.**
- 2. God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.**
- 3. God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.**
- 4. God speaks by the HOly Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.**
- 5. God’s invitation for you to work with HIm always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.**
- 6. You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.**
- 7. You come to know God by experience as you obey Him, and He accomplishes His work through you.**

Week 8 - *Out of Alignment*

Main Idea: In your relationship with God, you will have to make adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.

Intro: What are some reasons people go to a chiropractor? What are some reasons people avoid a chiropractor? Have you ever had to visit a chiropractor? Does it require more than one visit to fix the problem?

1. Alignments are the proper positioning or state of adjustment of parts in relation to each other. Adjustments are a small alteration or movement made to achieve a desired fit, appearance, or result. Have you had anything in your life that was out of alignment? Were you able to make the appropriate adjustments? What is the result of not fixing the problem?
2. Why does following God require us to make adjustments to our life? What makes it difficult to align your life with God?
3. Read the following verses and identify the adjustments that need to be made.
*In planning for this week, these are the adjustments that we see throughout scripture. The asterisk is the part that we connected with, but you and your group may connect differently.
Proverbs 4:23 (*heart)
Romans 12:2 (*mindset)
Philippians 4:4-8 (*thoughts, beliefs, feelings)
James 4:17 (*actions)
Proverbs 3: 5-6 (*plans)
2 Peter 1: 5-10 (*habits, rhythms, values, priorities)
4. What adjustments have you made in your life to be aligned with God? Which has been the most challenging?
5. Which one is God calling you to make in this season? What would this adjustment do for your life and your relationship with God? How does alignment help you navigate challenges?

Next Steps Question:

When a person becomes a parent, major adjustments have to be made in their life. When parents don't adjust, kids suffer, parents suffer, and the people in connection to

the family suffer. In the same way, following Jesus requires major adjustments. When we don't adjust our life, we miss out on all the GOOD that God has for our life! Is there an adjustment that you know you need to make this week? Take some time to pray that God would reveal the areas of your life that need to be adjusted so you can find alignment with Him.

