

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 9 - *Daily, Consistent, and Patient Obedience*

Main Idea: Obedience matters. Not only are we called to trust God, but we are called to obey. If we trust God and love God, we will obey Him.

Intro: How has your relationship with God changed since we started this study? What have you learned? What's been challenging? What's been helpful?

1. When you think God is inviting you to join Him, how do you know that it is God speaking to you and not selfish desires or a distraction from Satan? How can you prepare yourself to clearly know a word from God? Once you know that it is God speaking to you, what is your next step?
2. How do you respond when God has not given you the kind of assignment you want? Is our obedience conditional?
3. When you're walking in obedience and the door closes, did you hear wrong? Did God change His mind? Did we misunderstand? What should we do when a door closes?
*Just because a door closes, does not mean that we are on the wrong path. We must:
 - Clarify what God said and identify what may have been your additions to what He said.
 - Keep obeying what God has told you.
 - Let Him work out the details in His timing.
 - Do all you know to do.
 - Wait on the Lord until He tells you what to do next.
4. How does our obedience in the small things influence the assignments God gives us? Do you think we are asked to do things we are not prepared for? How does our faithful obedience equip us for the assignments to come?
5. What experiences in your life have caused your faith to mature? Why do you think God sometimes works slowly in a person's life to mature him or her? Are you willing for God to take all the time He requires to prepare you for the assignments He has purposed for your life?

Next Steps Question:

Read John 14:15-24. God's desire is for a relationship. What does your obedience say about your relationship with God?