

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 obey, 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 3 - *True Love*

Intro: What are three things that you Love? (We already know that you love God, Jesus, and the Church...please no Sunday school answers)

1. Love is something that we all long to experience. There are different types of relationships and some are more intimate than others. God has invited us into an intimate relationship that is rooted in love. How have your past relationships impacted your view of love?

- Family relationships
- Crushes/romances
- Friendships
- The Church

2. We all have an earthly father. How has that relationship influenced your relationship with God? How has it changed?

3. Read Matthew 22: 37-38. What do you think it means to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength? Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. What would this look like today?

4. Is obeying, serving, worshiping, and fearing God the same as loving Him? Can you do those things without loving?

Next Steps: Intimacy and love grow through the course of a relationship.

What can you do daily this week to invest in your relationship with God?

Here are a few examples:

- **Read a portion of scripture each day (Ch. Of Proverbs or a Psalm)**
- **Take a quick walk outside**
- **Journal**
- **Set aside a specific prayer time**
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