

# 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 5 - *Communication 101*

**Main Idea:** God communicates with us through the Holy Spirit, prayer, and the bible to reveal His will for our lives. This communication leads to greater intimacy and understanding of His character.

### **Intro:**

**How do you know you have had a great conversation with someone? Make a list of things that make for good conversation. Make a list of things that make for bad conversation.**

1. Think about one of your intimate relationships, how do you communicate with that person? Is it always serious? Is it always deep? Is it safe to be honest? Is it encouraging? Do you share things with them that you don't share with anybody else?
2. God has invited us into an intimate relationship with Him and we know that relationships are built through time, knowledge, and conversation. How can prayer and the bible be used to bring us into a deeper relationship with God?
3. Read Romans 8: 26-27. Read John 14: 25-26. What role does the Holy Spirit play in our prayers and reading the bible? How does the Holy Spirit help us deepen our relationship with God?
4. How have you seen the Spirit reveal God's truth to you through prayer or bible reading? What action did it lead you to take?
5. If we know that relationships are built through time, knowledge, and conversation, and we know that God communicates through prayer and the bible, why do we struggle so much with reading our bibles and praying?

### **Next Steps Question:**

This week give God a "Date-Night"! What we mean is take time this week to be alone with God. Focus on your relationship with Him. Be creative and make it a special time with Him. Take time to share with one another what this may look like for you this week! Be prepared to share next week.