

Experiencing God

“God’s Work”

God is Always at Work Around You

(1) God-Centered Living

A self-centered life...

- Is focused on self
- Is proud of self and self's accomplishments
- Is self-confident
- Depends on self and abilities
- Affirms self
- Seeks to be acceptable to the world and its ways
- Looks at circumstances from a human perspective
- Chooses selfish and ordinary living

A God-centered life...

- Places confidence in God
- Depends on God and His ability and provision
- Focuses on God and His activity
- Is humble before God
- Denies self
- Seeks first the kingdom of God and His righteousness
- Chooses holy and godly living
- To know and do God's will, you must deny self and return to a God-centered life

(2) God’s Plans Versus Our Plans

Psalm 81:11-12

“But my people would not listen to me;
Israel would not submit to me.
So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts
to follow their own devices.”

Psalm 81:13-14

“If my people would only listen to me,
if Israel would only follow my ways,
how quickly I would subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes!”

(2) God Takes the Initiative

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Romans 3:10-11

“There is no one righteous, not even one;
there is no one who understands;
there is no one who seeks God.”

John 6:44

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.”

Discussion Questions

1. Before you begin – Give everyone a chance to quote the memory verse for this week.
2. In what specific area of your life do you struggle to believe that God is at work and has a plan?
3. How are you developing a God-centered perspective, spiritually preparing yourself to join God's work? Identify a time and a place in your daily routine that you can spend in prayer and Bible reading.
4. Honestly, which best describes your life in relation to God's will?
 - I never think about God's will.
 - I try to live a good life and hope God's pleased with it.
 - I make plans and ask for God's help to accomplish my daily activities.
 - I seek to know God's will and then change my life to join the work He is doing.
5. How are you letting God use you to make a difference in your generation?

Memory Verse for Week #2

Matthew 22:37-38

“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.”