

EXPERIENCING GOD

Reality 1: Work

God is always at work around me.

Reality 2: Love Relationship

God pursues a continuing love relationship with me that is real and personal.

Reality 3: Invitation

God invites me to become involved with Him in His work.

Reality 4: Speaks

God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.

Reality 5: Crisis

God's invitation for me to work with Him always leads me to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.

Reality 6: Adjust

I must make major adjustments in my life to join God in what He is doing.

Reality 7: Experiencing God Through Obedience

You come to know God by **experience** as you **obey** Him and He accomplishes His work through you.

And this is **love**: that we walk in **obedience** to his commands. As you have heard from the **beginning** his command is that you walk in **love**.

2 John 1:6

(1) Obedience

1 John 2:3-6

We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

(2) God works **through you**

(3) You Come to **know God**

(4) **Questions** and **Answers**

- Why does God seem to work so **slowly** in my life?
- Why doesn't God give me a big assignment?
- What is happening when I obey and the doors close or things get worse?
- How can I know whether the word I receive is from God, my selfish desires or Satan?

Discussion Questions

1. Recall your understanding of God when you first began walking with Him. How have your experiences expanded our knowledge of Him?
2. What's been the scariest step of faith so far in your walk with God? What made it so significant? How did God prove faithful?
3. On a scale of 1 - 10 (1=stubborn rebellion: 10=eager obedience) how obedient are you to God's Word?
4. What does your current obedience reveal about your love for and relationship with God? (see scale above)
5. What are some things you know God wants you to do?

NO Meeting Next Week (10/14)- Fall Break

Coming Up in November

- God's Will and the Church
- Kingdom People
- Experiencing God in your Daily Life

Assignment until we meet again:

Read John 1-3, 5 verses a day, 5 days a week. In a journal, write out the answers to these 3 questions:

- What does it say?
- What does it mean?
- How should it change me?

There are 28 days till we meet again. 7 Realities, 7 Memory verses. Take four days to work on memorizing one reality and one memory verse.