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# EXPERIENCING GOD

Knowing & Doing  
the Will of God

**ADULT PARTICIPANT GUIDE**

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# TEACHING SESSION 1

## INTRODUCTION

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is your guide for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is your Way.
3. To be a \_\_\_\_\_ of God, you must be \_\_\_\_\_ and remain  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. To \_\_\_\_\_ God, you must \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
5. God is \_\_\_\_\_. His \_\_\_\_\_ is always best.
6. God is \_\_\_\_\_. His \_\_\_\_\_ are always right.
7. God is \_\_\_\_\_. He can \_\_\_\_\_ you to do His will.

## REALITY 1

God is \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ around you.

### Jesus' Example

- The \_\_\_\_\_ has been \_\_\_\_\_ right up to now.
- Now \_\_\_\_\_ has Me \_\_\_\_\_.
- I do \_\_\_\_\_ on My own \_\_\_\_\_.
- I do what I see the \_\_\_\_\_ already is doing.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ loves \_\_\_\_\_.
- He shows Me \_\_\_\_\_ that He Himself is \_\_\_\_\_.

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## How Do We Follow and Serve God?

1. Find out \_\_\_\_\_ the Master is; then that is \_\_\_\_\_ you need to be.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to see where God is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
3. The right question is, \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_?



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# TEACHING SESSION 2

## REALITY 2

God \_\_\_\_\_ a continuing \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with you  
that is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Can you describe your relationship with God by sincerely saying, “I love You with all my heart”?

- Everything in your \_\_\_\_\_ life, everything about \_\_\_\_\_ Him  
and \_\_\_\_\_ Him, everything about \_\_\_\_\_ His will, depends  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ of your love relationship.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with \_\_\_\_\_ is more important  
than any other single \_\_\_\_\_ in your life.
- God created you for a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship that is \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.
- The constant \_\_\_\_\_ of God is the most \_\_\_\_\_ part of your life  
and ministry.
- God \_\_\_\_\_ you not for \_\_\_\_\_ but for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Let your present be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by what you  
are to become in \_\_\_\_\_, not by your \_\_\_\_\_.
- Your \_\_\_\_\_ is more important to God than what you do. God develops \_\_\_\_\_  
to match the \_\_\_\_\_.

## A Love Relationship

Read the following Scripture passages that speak of a love relationship. As you read, emphasize the word love (or any form of it, such as loves) by circling it each time it appears.

“I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, love the Lord your God, obey him, and remain faithful to him. For he is your life” (Deut. 30:19–20).

“God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

“The one who has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I also will love him and will reveal myself to him” (John 14:21).

“Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. [Neither] height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:35,37,39).

“This is how we have come to know love: He laid down his life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters” (1 John 3:16).

“God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him. Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. We love because he first loved us” (1 John 4:9–10,19).

Using the preceding Scripture passages, answer the following questions.

1. Who is your life? \_\_\_\_\_

2. In what ways has God demonstrated His love for us? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. How can we show our love for God? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What does God promise to do in response to our loving Him? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Who loved first—you or God? \_\_\_\_\_

## REALITY 3

God \_\_\_\_\_ you to become \_\_\_\_\_ with Him in His \_\_\_\_\_.

- You never find God \_\_\_\_\_ persons to dream up what they \_\_\_\_\_ to do for Him. He takes the \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ what God is about to do where you are is more \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_ God what you want to do for Him.
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ of His activity is an \_\_\_\_\_ for you to join Him.
- You cannot know the \_\_\_\_\_ of God unless He takes the \_\_\_\_\_ to reveal it to you.
- There are some things only \_\_\_\_\_ can do. When you see one of these things \_\_\_\_\_, you can know \_\_\_\_\_ is at work.

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### Things Only God Can Do

- God \_\_\_\_\_ people to Himself.
- God \_\_\_\_\_ people to seek after Him.
- God \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual truth.
- God \_\_\_\_\_ the world of guilt about sin.
- God \_\_\_\_\_ the world of righteousness.
- God \_\_\_\_\_ the world of judgment.

## When You Want to Know What God Is Doing Around You

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to see what God does next.
2. Make the \_\_\_\_\_ between your \_\_\_\_\_ and what happens next.
3. Find out what \_\_\_\_\_ is already \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Ask \_\_\_\_\_ questions:
  - How can I \_\_\_\_\_ for you?
  - What can I \_\_\_\_\_ for you?
  - Do you want to \_\_\_\_\_?
  - What do you see as the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ in your life?
  - What is the most significant \_\_\_\_\_ happening in your life right now?
  - Would you tell me what \_\_\_\_\_ is doing in your life?
  - What is God \_\_\_\_\_ to the surface in your life?
  - What particular \_\_\_\_\_ has God given you?
5. \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Be ready to make the necessary \_\_\_\_\_ in order to join \_\_\_\_\_ in what He is doing.





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# TEACHING SESSION 3

## REALITY 4

God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, circumstances, and the \_\_\_\_\_ to reveal Himself, His \_\_\_\_\_, and His \_\_\_\_\_.

“He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God” (John 8:47).

1. In the Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_ spoke in many ways. \_\_\_\_\_ God spoke is the \_\_\_\_\_ important factor, not \_\_\_\_\_. He spoke.
  - a. When God spoke, it was usually \_\_\_\_\_ to that individual.
  - b. When God spoke, the person was \_\_\_\_\_ God was speaking.
  - c. When God spoke, the person \_\_\_\_\_ what God said.
  - d. When God spoke, that was the \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
2. In the Gospels God spoke by His \_\_\_\_\_ (see Hebrews 1:1-2).
3. In Acts and to the present God speaks by the \_\_\_\_\_ (see John 14:26; 16:13-14).
4. Knowing God's \_\_\_\_\_ comes from an intimate \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with Him.
5. God speaks when He has a \_\_\_\_\_ in mind for your life.
6. The moment God speaks to you is God's \_\_\_\_\_.
7. You never \_\_\_\_\_ truth. Truth is \_\_\_\_\_ (see John 8:47).
8. God reveals Himself to \_\_\_\_\_ your faith.
9. God reveals His purposes so you \_\_\_\_\_ do His work.
10. God reveals His ways so you can \_\_\_\_\_ His purposes.

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## Reality 5

God's \_\_\_\_\_ for you to work with Him always leads you to a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ that requires \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

1. What is faith? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. What is an opposite of faith? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. How important is it for your faith to be in God and what He says rather than what you or someone else decides would be a nice thing to happen?

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- The crisis of belief is a \_\_\_\_\_ point where you must make a decision. You must \_\_\_\_\_ what you really \_\_\_\_\_ about God.
- An \_\_\_\_\_ with God requires faith and action.

- Encounters with God are \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our world is not \_\_\_\_\_ God because we are not \_\_\_\_\_ anything that only God can do.
- What you do in response to God's \_\_\_\_\_ (invitation) reveals what you \_\_\_\_\_ about God.
- Faith is in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- True faith requires \_\_\_\_\_.

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## REALITY 6

You must make major \_\_\_\_\_ in your life to \_\_\_\_\_ God in what He is doing.

“Any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:33).

- God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is your \_\_\_\_\_ to adjust your life to Him.
- God desires absolute \_\_\_\_\_.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ to a Person.
- \_\_\_\_\_ requires adjustments.
- You cannot \_\_\_\_\_ where you are and \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is costly to you and those around you.
- You can \_\_\_\_\_ God with your family.
- \_\_\_\_\_ requires total \_\_\_\_\_ on God to work through you.
- “\_\_\_\_\_” never works. \_\_\_\_\_ works.

### Positive Examples

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### Negative Examples

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## Kinds of Adjustments

In your \_\_\_\_\_ (job, home, finances, etc.)

In your \_\_\_\_\_ (family, friends, business associates, etc.)

In your \_\_\_\_\_ (prejudices, methods, your potential, etc.)

In your \_\_\_\_\_ (family, church, job, plans, tradition, etc.)

In your \_\_\_\_\_ (prayer, giving, serving, etc.)

In your \_\_\_\_\_ (God, His purposes, His ways, your relationship with Him, etc.)

## REALITY 7

You come to know God by \_\_\_\_\_ as you \_\_\_\_\_ Him,

and He \_\_\_\_\_ His work through you.

“If you love me, you will keep my commands. The one who has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I also will love him and will reveal myself to him. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. The one who doesn’t love me will not keep my words” (John 14:15,21,23-24).

1. \_\_\_\_\_ what you already know to be God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

Obey His \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ comes after \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Obedience is the \_\_\_\_\_ expression of your \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ is costly. God does not always give \_\_\_\_\_ chances.

5. If you have an \_\_\_\_\_ problem, you have a \_\_\_\_\_ problem.

6. If you \_\_\_\_\_ God, you will \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

7. The \_\_\_\_\_ for obedience and love is that God will \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to you.

8. God \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to His people by \_\_\_\_\_ He does.



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# SPIRITUAL MARKERS WORKSHEET

(For use in final small-group discussion)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Identifying My Spiritual Markers

Think about your life and ask God to guide you to identify your spiritual markers. These may be from your family heritage, salvation experience, significant decisions, and so forth. What are some times of transition, decision, or direction in your life when you clearly knew that God guided you? Write these down in the order they happened. Use extra paper if needed.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

## What God Is Showing Me

Ask the Lord to reveal what the pattern of these markers means for you. Write your impressions.

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## Adjustments God Wants Me to Make

Ask the Lord to reveal any adjustment He wants you to make in your life so that you can join Him where He is working and so that He can accomplish His work through you.

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