

EXPERIENCING GOD

A God-Centered Life

Introduction

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2. Reflects love _____ and _____ God.
(John 10:10; 14:24; 1 John 4:7-8,16,19; 5:3)

► Outline

... *My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.* **John 10:10 (TLB)**

A God-centered life...

1. Results from _____ God by _____.
(Exodus 3:1-15; 33:11-14; Numbers 12:6-8; Psalm 103:7;
John 17:3)

3. Remains with _____ to accomplish His _____.
(Isaiah 46:10-11; John 12:26; 15:5; Ephesians 2:10;
Philippians 4:13)

Answers: 1. knowing, experience 2. from, for 3. Christ, purposes

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, Scripture verses are from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation (NLT). C/R refers to a 'cross reference.' Today's outline and discussion guide are available through the Brookwood Church app.

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► Discussion Guide

If you haven't already, we encourage you to purchase the companion workbook *Seven Realities for Experiencing God* in the Brookwood Bookstore. To connect and grow with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

When you think about God, what words first come to mind?

Opening in Prayer

Ask God to help you know Him. Ask Him to change your life over the next 8 weeks as you devote yourself to learning and growing.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Exodus 33:11-14](#).

1. What do you think it must have been like for Moses as he spoke face to face with God? For further insight, read [Exodus 3:1-15](#); [Numbers 12:6-8](#).
2. Have you ever experienced God intimately like that? Describe what it was like. How does knowing God change your perspective on life?
3. What do we learn about God from this passage?

Read [Hebrews 11:1-6](#).

4. Complete this sentence in your own words: *Faith is...*
5. Besides God, who or what do many people put their faith in today?
6. Describe the examples of faith in these verses. Who was involved? What did they do? What was the result?
7. What does [Hebrews 11](#) teach us about living a God-centered life?

Read [James 2:14-17](#) and [1 John 4:7-8](#).

8. How do these passages describe faith in action? How does your faith affect the way you live? Give specific examples.
9. What is the relationship between faith and experiencing God?
10. When you're going through a dry season, when God feels far away, what do you make of those times? How do those times affect how you think and feel about God?
11. What's one of the most important Bible verses or truths you learned from this week's teaching?

You can't stay the way you are and go with God.
Henry Blackaby, *Experiencing God*

Soul Training

Choose one or two of your favorite Bible characters and read their stories. Look for ways they demonstrated faith in God. Thank God for examples that encourage and challenge you to live by faith.

Memory Verse

...*My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.* [John 10:10 \(TLB\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [John 14:1-7](#)

Day 4: [John 15:17-20](#)

Day 2: [Genesis 12:1-9](#)

Day 5: [1 Kings 18:16-39](#)

Day 3: [Matthew 6:33-34](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, September 22, we'll continue the series *Experiencing God* by considering how *God is always at work around us*. To prepare read [Acts 26:1-19](#).



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