

The Seven Truths
from Experiencing God



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.

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Life Group Study Guide

Week 1 – God Is Always At Work

DVD: Session #1

SOAP Text: Luke 5:1-11, Acts 2

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1. Describe an example of how you have seen God at work around you this week.
2. Read John 15:4-5. Can you think of a time when you needed the help of God (or another) to accomplish something?
3. Consider the “Work” moments of Peter (see John 1:35-42, Luke 5:1-11, Acts 2). How was God at work in Peter’s life during those circumstances?
4. What is the difference in asking: “What’s God’s will for my life?” versus “What’s God’s will?”? How would that change our approach toward prayer, living every day, worshipping & serving the body of Christ?

Additional Study: Samuel – 1Sam 2:18-26, 1Sam 3

Also: Ps 25:4-5, Ps 27:11, Ps 86:11

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Week 2– God Pursues

DVD: Session #2

SOAP Text: Isaiah 6, Heb 12:5-11

1. What person in your life has taken the initiative to pursue a love relationship with you? How could you tell it was genuine?
2. Why is discipline so difficult? What does it say about the love of those who discipline us – parents, leaders, God?
3. Consider Isaiah's encounter with God (Isaiah 6). How did God pursue Isaiah? What happened at the encounter? How would you respond in those circumstances?
4. God has invited each of us into a love relationship with Him. How has God done that with you?
5. Read Deut 30:20 – Consider what that verse says about God and our life. What S.O.A.P. application could you make from it?

Additional Study: Abraham – Gen 12:1-9; Gen 15; Gen 17

Also: John 6:29,47-51; 11:40-44; Psa 23:1-4

Week 3 – God Invites

DVD: Session #3

SOAP Text: Gen 37; Gen 39; Gen 41

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1. God wants us to join Him in His work. Do you recall a time as a child when an adult invited you to help in the work? How did that make you feel?
2. Henry Blackaby says Expression of Love is Invitation – Salvation is an invitation to Mission. How has God invited you to His work?
3. How can we determine if the impression to do something is from God or from our own desires? What ways does God help us with that?
4. God provides the resources & character for the assignment. How is God working on your character these days? What's the next step in your development to prepare you for the work ahead?
5. The story of David is one of God preparing him for a great work. What ways do you see God at work in these passages (see SOAP Text)?

Additional Study: Gideon – Judges 6-8

Also: Jer 1:5,17-19; Ezek 22:30-31; John 14:23-24

Week 7– Knowing God

DVD: Session #7

SOAP Text: 1Sam 19:1-17; 21:1-9; 22:6-23

1. Being involved in God's Work and obeying His Word allows us to know Him. Can you give an example of how that has proved true in your life?
2. God's work changes us forever. Think of people you know that have been changed forever by God. Share those stories together (if appropriate).
3. Blackaby says obedience can be costly to those around us. Consider how costly David's obedience was from the SOAP passages.
4. Grace is God's willingness to forgive so that we can re-enter a love relationship with Him. Celebrate together the grace God has given you thru Jesus.
5. As you finish this study on Experiencing God, share how it will change your life and approach to knowing God.

Additional Study: Elijah – 1Kings 17-19

Also: John 21:1-15; Heb 5:7-10; John 14:21,23-24

Week 4 – God Speaks

DVD: Session #4

SOAP Text: Joshua 3-4

1. List 5 ways people communicate with you (verbal/nonverbal). Discuss how each of these ways work and don't work well.
2. How does God communicate to us? Share as a group how God has communicated to you in the past (or not spoken if that is the case)
3. Blackaby describes 4 ways God communicates: thru Word, thru Prayer, thru Church, thru Circumstances. Share about each of these and how you can listen to God thru them.
4. The Bible describes many spiritual markers for remembrance. We see them in worship: Communion, Baptism, Wedding rings, etc. What markers have you set up in your life to remember past events?
5. As a group, consider a way to implement spiritual markers in your life or life of your family.

Additional Study: Jacob – Gen 28:10-22; 31:43-55

Also: Rom 3:10-12; 1Cor 2:13-14

Week 5 – Crisis of Belief

DVD: Session #5

SOAP Text: Exodus 2

1. The story of Moses is a great example of a Crisis of Belief. What has been challenging to believe from God?
2. It's not belief when we just know the facts. Belief is proven in our obedience/action.
3. Moses came up with many excuses for doubting. Can you think of some excuses we (people) use today?
4. What is revealed about our hearts when we believe God? ... when we don't believe God?
5. If you are willing, share what you are struggling to believe right now in your walk with the Lord.

Additional Study: Zech/Mary – Luke 1:13-14; 1:26-38

Also: Matt 17:14-20; Matt 14:28-29; James 2:14+

Week 6 – Major Adjustments

DVD: Session #6

SOAP Text: Acts 9:1-31; Acts 13-14

1. The problem with obedience is often how it upsets our comfort. What are some examples of things that are uncomfortable to obey, but are for our benefit?
2. Joining God always takes adjustment on our part. Consider what adjustments Saul (Paul) had to make to follow Jesus from the SOAP text.
3. Adjustment involves change. Confession is the change of mind (heart) and Service is the change of action. How would these work in your life (any examples of this)?
4. We often fear the adjustments and forget the goal. What way could we remind ourselves of the result/goal when going thru adjustment?
5. Is God calling for any major adjustment in your life? How could you get help/encouragement for that (from a person, from the group)?

Additional Study: Noah – Gen 6-9

Also: John 15:16; John 6:44; Luke 13:20-21; Eph 4:11-13