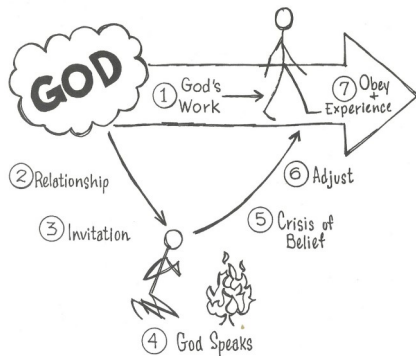



The 7 Realities of Experiencing God

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.



Reality 2: God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.

 Bible Study Project: Read the following Scripture passages that speak of a love relationship. **Circle** each time a form of the word love is used. Then answer the questions. Depending on the number of people in your group you may need to form smaller groups and have groups share their discoveries at the end of that time.

Deuteronomy 30:20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.


Romans 8:35,37,39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 1 John 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.


1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

1. How many times is the word love used?
2. Who is our life?
3. In what ways has God demonstrated His love to us?
4. How can we show our love for God?
5. What does God promise to do in response to our loving Him?
6. Who loved first – you or God?

3. God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.

 Bible Study Project: Match the following passages with the work only God can do.

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| ___ God draws people to Himself. | A. John 16:8-9 |
| ___ God reveals spiritual truth. | B. John 16:8,10 |
| ___ God convicts the world of guilt about sin. | C. John 16:8,11 |
| ___ God convicts the world of righteousness. | D. John 6:44 |
| ___ God convicts the world of judgment. | E. John 14:26 |

 T or F? If the statement is not biblically accurate, what would make it so?

- T or F You cannot know the will of God unless He takes the initiative to reveal it to you.
- T or F Once God shows you His will, someday you should do it if you think it is good for you.
- T or F God should adjust His will to your desires and time frame.
- T or F God's revelation of His will is your invitation to join Him in His will.



Place a star by the statement or Scripture that is most meaningful to you. In groups of 2-4, pray for God to speak to you and grow you in this way.