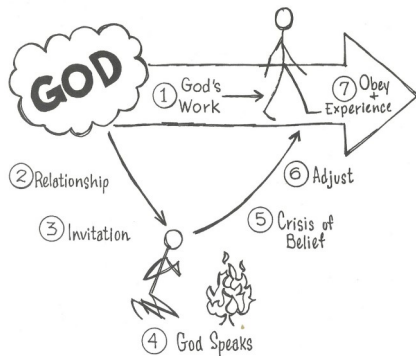


**The 7 Realities of Experiencing God**

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 6: You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.**



*So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.* Luke 14:33

3 Statements true to the Word from Experiencing God

1. Obedience requires adjustments.
2. Obedience is costly.
3. You cannot stay where you are and go with God.



Mark which statement of the three or which words of the Scripture most challenge you? Why?



Have you had to make adjustments in your thinking and in your life to go forward with God? What adjustments might a person have to make when God speaks to her or him?

**Reality 7: You come to know God by experience as you obey Him, and He accomplishes His work through you.**



Bible Study Project: Read John 14:15, 21, 23-24 below and answer the accompanying questions.

<sup>15</sup>*If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

<sup>21</sup>*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.*

<sup>23</sup>*Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

<sup>24</sup>*He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.*

1. If you have an obedience problem, what is the real problem? Explain your answer from the passage.
2. What is God's reward for obedience? 21,23
3. What did Jesus say is our expression of love for God?
4. If obedience is costly, would you say disobedience is costly, too? In the end, which is more costly? Explain your answer.

Personal reflection on three important questions.



1. Where do I start?
2. When do I start?
3. Will I start and/or start again?

My prayer: Lord, as you have spoken. This is my response to you.



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.