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### **EXPERIENCING**

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## **Wednesday Evenings**

Starting: February 5, 2020

Join us for this exciting series.

Dinner: 5:15pm

Study: 6:00pm

KNOWING and DOING THE WILL OF GOD

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# DAY 1

AS YOU FOLLOW JESUS ONE DAY AT A TIME, HE WILL KEEP YOU IN THE CENTER OF GOD'S WILL.

Real
Christianity
is not merely
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1 Corinthians 2:14

"The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned."

# Jesus Is Your Way

Jesus said, "This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" (John 17:3). The essence of eternal life and of this study is for you to know God and to know Jesus Christ, whom He has sent. Knowing God does not come through a program or a method. Real Christianity is not merely a religion; it is a relationship with a Person. It is an intimate love relationship with God. Through this relationship God reveals His will and invites you to join Him where He is at work. When you obey, God accomplishes through you something only He can do. Then you come to know God in a more intimate way by experiencing Him at work through your life.

I want to help you move into the kind of relationship with God through which you will experience eternal life to the fullest degree possible. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). Would you like to experience life in its fullest measure? You can if you are willing to respond to God's invitation to an intimate love relationship with Him.

#### **Section Headings**

A Prerequisite - A Relationship With Jesus

**Looking For More In Your Experience Of God?** 

Jesus Is Your "Map"

Following One Day At A Time

#### **Scripture Memory**

#### Week 1 - John 15:5 (ESV)

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

#### Week 2 - Psalm 20:7 (ESV)

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

#### Week 3 - Matthew 22:37-38 (ESV)

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment."

#### Week 4 - John 14:21 (ESV)

"Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

#### Week 5 - John 8:47 (ESV)

"Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

#### Week 6 - John 5:19 (ESV)

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise."

#### Week 7 - Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

#### Week 8 - Luke 14:33 (ESV)

So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

#### Week 9 - John 14:23 (ESV)

Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."

#### Week 10 - Romans 12:5 (ESV)

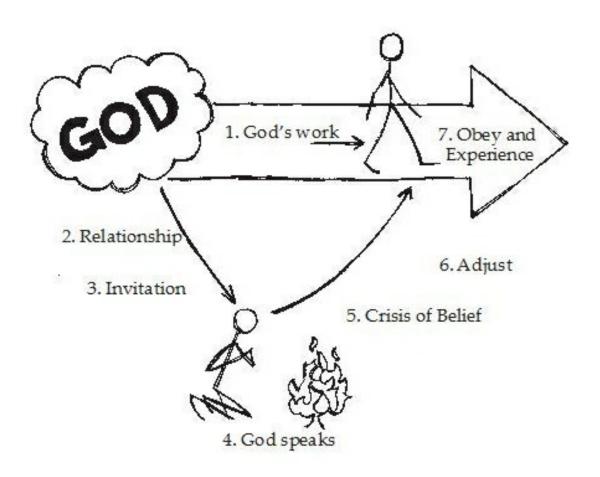
So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

#### Week 11 - 1 John 1:7 (ESV)

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

#### Week 12 - Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.



- 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.