

Experiencing God: Part 3 - Invitation

Review

- Reality 1: God is always at work.
- Reality 2: God pursues a continuing love relationship that is real and personal.
- **Reality 3: God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.**

Key Passages

Exodus 3:1-15

Matthew 4:19 (NASB) And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 16:24-26 (NIV) ²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

Galatians 2:20-21 (NIV) ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!

John 3:16 (NIV) For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

God invites us...

Into His Kingdom: Pray that God’s absolute rule on earth will begin in your life.

To Experience Him: There are things about Jesus you will learn only as you obey Him.

To Know His Revelation: God’s revelation is His invitation.

To life! (Matthew 16:24-26)

Questions to ponder and discuss at home and in your life group:

Complementary Passages: Matthew 6:9-10, 6:33

1. How do you desire to see God work in the lives around you?
2. How is trusting God’s plan for your life better than pursuing your own plan? How will you respond to His loving work in your life?
3. When, where, or how has God invited you to join Him in His work? In what ways are you seeking to be in relationship with God and a part of what He is doing?
4. In what area of your life have you been postponing a decision about an invitation from God?