

Experiencing God Weekend: Knowing and Doing the Will of God

This event provides an overview of the seven 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.**

This Weekend is the *foundational* study that can lead to subsequent studies.

The participants are encouraged to complete a 12-week study of *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God*.

Numerous resources are available to support this study, including video tapes.



Key Elements of an *Experiencing God* Weekend Event

A **visiting team** is invited to provide leadership for the event. The team consists of a Team Coordinator, a Resource Teacher, adult team members, a Youth Coordinator, and Children's Coordinator(s).

This team normally comes at their own expense, with the church hosting the members in their homes.

Each **session** of the Weekend features worship, teaching, testimonies, and small group discussions.

The church's preparation includes an emphasis of intentional **prayer** for members to set their hearts before the Lord that He might speak to His Body.

The church and the team deliberately recognize the role of **The Holy Spirit** to empower and direct the event. He teaches, He convicts, He guides, and He renews the hearts.

Your Church Experiencing God Together Weekend: God's Plan to Touch Your World

This event provides a catalyst for a church to study the sequel to *Experiencing God: Your Church Experiencing God Together*. The truths explored during this weekend include:

Your Church in the Heart of God

- Believers are **born** into a **spiritual family** as children of God. God has **no orphans**, only family. Families support and nurture each other.
- Eternal life is based on a personal love relationship with God through His Son. His children are to **love one another** with the same kind of love.

Your Church as The Body of Christ

- God places his children into His **Living Body** on earth.
- Jesus **builds** His Church. He is the **Living Head** of the Body.
- Christ directs the Body, and instructs and motivates the Body to follow Him to complete everything the Father asks Him to do.

Your Church Empowered by The Holy Spirit

- The **Holy Spirit** empowers and enables a Church to function as a Living Body and together accomplish God's will and purposes.

Your Church On Mission With God

- God has a **plan** for every church to be **"on mission with Him."**
- God provides His **power** to complete His **unique** assignments.

An interactive workbook and videos support an 8-week follow-up.

"Experiencing God helped people get on track with God; this book will guide their journey within the family of God." Henry Blackaby

"...OUR GOD WHOM WE SERVE IS ABLE...AND HE WILL..."
DANIEL 3:17

Purposes of an *Experiencing God* Weekend Event

Each Weekend is designed to bring about spiritual renewal in the hearts of God's people. A primary goal is to have an encounter with God – to **experience** God.

Each Weekend is designed to **overview** the basic life message found in the complete book that is to be used as a follow-up study.

One goal of the Weekend event is to encourage individuals in the church to make a **commitment** to study the selected material together as a Body.

A **corporate** study of the selected follow-up material allows God to speak to His whole Body simultaneously. The church "gets on the same page" with God and one another.

Each Weekend event builds a **spiritual foundation** for other related events to follow.

The format of a Weekend allows the local church Body to know one another, love one another, and serve one another on a deeper, **spiritual level**.

Called and Accountable Weekend: Discovering Your Personal Place in God's Eternal Purpose

This event presents spiritual truth in a simple and understandable core message. We are called by God, chosen for God, and are accountable to God.

Sessions include an overview of these six questions and answers:

1. **Why does God call us?** God calls individuals into a personal love relationship with Himself in order to use them to accomplish His eternal purposes.
2. **What is a call?** The call of God is a life-transforming and ultimately world-changing experience with God. God's call is always redemptive in nature.
3. **Who are the called?** Every believer is called. There is no distinction between clergy and lay people.
4. **How am I called?** God speaks through His Word to individuals committed to meet Him in the Scriptures and respond in obedience to His voice.
5. **When am I called?** A call begins at personal salvation. Seeking after God will help identify God's greater revelation for His specific call.
6. **How do I live out the call?** God gives **His Holy Spirit** to thoroughly equip and enable believers to live out His call and accomplish His will.

The Church is confronted with a fresh awareness that God's call is universal to every believer and every believer is accountable to understand and respond to God's call.

A six-week interactive workbook with guidelines for group study is the key resource for the follow up to this weekend..



Basic Rationale for an *Experiencing God* Weekend Event

Henry Blackaby's life message has impacted thousands and awakened them to join God in His eternal purposes.

God has blessed churches that have intentionally set their hearts together as they corporately study these timely messages to His Body.

Salvation is an ongoing spiritual process that leads to an enhanced love relationship, a transformed life, and an increased emphasis and involvement in being on mission with God.

All Christians should be experiencing an intimate love relationship with God.

The Lord expects spiritual growth in all those who truly follow Him.

All Christians are called and accountable to be on mission with God.

All Churches are expected to be equipping believers to be on mission with God.