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Bible Study and Discussion Group
Topic: “Experiencing God”
Textbook: “Experiencing God (2021 Edition): Knowing and Doing the Will of God”
Handout #5

*Indeed, the Lord God does nothing without revealing His counsel to His servants
the prophets. (Amos 3:7)*

Intro. – God is at Work!

- The Warden’s Story
 - The setting – Angola Prison in Louisiana
 - A new warden convicted...
 - Experiencing God goes to prison...
- “When God prepares to do something in our world, He reveals to His people what He is about to do. Then God accomplishes His purposes through His people.”
 2. “This is also the way God will work with you. The Bible is designed to help you understand the ways of God. Then, when God starts to use your life in the same way He worked in the Scriptures, you’ll recognize that it is God.”

I. When God Speaks

- A. Three characteristics of when God spoke in the Bible:
 1. They knew it was God.
 2. They knew what God was saying.
 3. They knew what they were to do in response.
- B. The author sees in Scripture common experiences he calls the seven realities of experiencing God. The seven realities are not a formula for knowing God’s will...They identify ways God works with a person or group to involve them in His activity.
- C. The remainder of the book will focus on the seven realities to help you understand how God works in and through a persons life.
- D. Review questions raised...(page 59 ebook)

II. The Example of Moses

A. Moses portrays how God works in a person's life.

B. The diagram of "The Seven Realities of Experiencing God"

C. The Seven Realities Explained

- **Reality 1: God is always at work around you...**
- **Reality 2: God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal...**
- **Reality 3: God invites you to become involved with Him in His work...**
- **Reality 4: God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways...**
- **Reality 5: God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action...**
- **Reality 6: You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing...**
- **Reality 7: You come to know God by experience as you obey Him and He accomplishes His work through you.**

D. Discussion of final paragraph of sections. Discuss Moses possible feelings. What resulted from Moses's experience?

Summary & Questions for Reflection

Read Chapter 6 for Next Week

Closing Prayer