

EXPERIENCING THE SANCTITY

Part 1: Encountering God Where You're At

Introduction – Mind Over Matter

Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3; Matthew 16:15-17.

Some Benefits Of Experiencing God

1. Finding your _____.

John 15:15; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:23

2. Losing your _____.

Psalms 23:4

3. Enjoying what you _____.

Hebrews 13:5-6

The key to joy is not God's _____ but his _____.

Encountering God At Your Spiritual Stage

1. Encountering God through _____

Psalms 19:1-4; Isaiah 6:3; 66:1; Romans 1:18-23; 8:19

2. Encountering God through _____

John 1:9; 12:32; 16:8-9; Titus 2:11

3. Encountering God through _____ Luke 16:31

4. Encountering God through _____ Acts 9-10; Judges 6:17

5. Encountering God through _____ 1 Thessalonians 5:17

6. Encountering God through _____ Matthew 18:20

7. Encountering God through _____ Numbers 11:26; Matthew 28:20;
John 10:27; 15:26; 16:14

Conclusion – The Spirit-Filled Experiment

Ephesians 5:18

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged, puzzled, or encouraged you.
2. How would you answer the question, "Has God ever spoken to you?" If "yes," describe how. If "no," how can you be sure?

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

3. Read carefully through Psalm 23. a) Make a list of every way found in this psalm that God relates to people, describing what each might look like today. b) Discuss your own experience of God in light of this list.
 4. Read Acts chapters 9 & 10. a) Make a list of every way found in these chapters that God may relate to people and/or we to God, describing what each might look like today.
 5. What do you think is the meaning of Jesus' prayerful words in John 17:37?
- SO WHAT?...
6. Is there anything in your life that you believe could be a hindrance to your own experience of God? Pray for each other in light of your answers to 3-b above.
- HOMEWORK...
7. Set aside time this week to meditate on Psalm 23 as review of this week's discussion and 2 Timothy 3:16-17 & Hebrews 4:12 in anticipation of next week's topic.