



Experience God's Love
Ministry Plan Sunday
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2. Exercise _____ in Jesus.
(Ephesians 3:17. C/R: Psalm 95:2; Matthew 6:21; 16:25; 18:20; 25:40; John 8:31-32; Hebrews 10:25)

► Outline

Experience God's Love while Expressing His Love

A. Why love?

We love because He first loved us.

1 John 4:19 (ESV)

3. _____ the results of His love.
(Ephesians 3:19-20)

B. How do we experience God's love?

1. _____ on the resources of His Spirit.
(Ephesians 3:16-19)

Answers: 1. Rely 2. trust 3. Receive

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, Scripture verses are from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation (NLT). C/R refers to a 'cross reference.' Today's outline and discussion guide are available through the Brookwood Church app.



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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to study the Bible and pursue a deeper relationship with God. Check out other Bible study tools at biblegateway.com, biblestudytools.com or blueletterbible.org.

Conversation Starter

Describe a time you experienced love over the past couple of weeks.

Opening in Prayer

Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim His greatness.

Let the whole world know what He has done. [1 Chronicles 16:8 \(NLT\)](#)

Spend a few minutes thanking God and asking Him to open your eyes to see more of who He really is.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read aloud [1 John 4:16-19](#).

1. Who loved who first, and why is the order important?
2. Have you ever felt unworthy of love? How did you deal with this feeling?
3. When has an event or person in your life failed to meet your expectations or come through for you? What was your reaction?
4. Why is it important to experience God's love?

Read aloud [Ephesians 3:16-19](#).

5. From this passage, list several things that are true about God.

6. How does our understanding of God impact how we approach Him in prayer?
7. How would you describe your own prayer life in recent days? What does that reveal about your view of God?
8. In what areas of your life do you find it most difficult to sense God's presence – work, family, recreation, hobbies? What do you think prevents you from experiencing God in these areas? What could you do to focus more on God?
9. What can you and your Small Group do to serve people around you?
10. How has your relationship with God changed the way you relate to others? Can you give some examples?

Soul Training

Some of the most common spiritual disciplines include prayer, fasting, gratitude and celebration, solitude and silence, journaling, acts of service, Bible study and meditation. Select the one you're *least* familiar with and spend this week learning about and practicing this discipline.

Memory Verse

We love because He first loved us. [1 John 4:19 \(ESV\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Nehemiah 9:5-12](#)

Day 4: [Habakkuk 3:1-4](#)

Day 2: [Hebrews 10:32-39](#)

Day 5: [Mark 8:1-10](#)

Day 3: [Matthew 15:29-31](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, September 15, we'll begin an 8-week series titled **Experiencing God**. Purchase the companion workbook, *Seven Realities for Experiencing God*, in the Brookwood Bookstore. To grow your life with others, check out brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.



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