

Consider the idea that experiencing God begins with a relationship with Him. Take a few minutes as a group to read these passages related to the different types of relationships we have with God:

- Holy King: Proverbs 9:10; Isaiah 6:11-5
- Loving Father: 1 Timothy 2:3-4; John 3:16
- Lord and Savior: Romans 10:9-13

Which of these relational aspects do we most easily relate to? Which are more difficult for us? Why? Consider and discuss what it would look like to try to deepen the relational aspects that come less easily.

What does it mean to experience God by participating in His divine nature? This often takes faith in His promises and some hard work to cultivate spiritual growth and participation in Kingdom work. As an individual, are there areas that you could do better at? How could this be pursued as a small group?

The final point has to do with experiencing God by enjoying Him. Consider these passages again and think about the last time you truly stopped to enjoy God.

- Psalm 34
- Psalm 37
- Colossians 4:15-17

How could you make time this week to spend time enjoying God?

Think for a moment about the progression involved in these three points... relationship with God, participation in God's divine nature, and enjoying God. What can we understand about enjoying God with the first two points in mind?