

God Speaks
In Order to Reveal
Unit 5 Day 3 of Experiencing God

Introduction- When God speaks to us, His communication will always be p_____ for the purpose of revealing something. What He reveals falls into three categories

Him _____

●How do we know who God is?

1. We cannot know on our own because no one s_____ God on their own, not one person (Rom 3:10)
2. God has to reveal Himself by interacting in human lives; for example, He has revealed Himself as the Al _____
 - a. He swallowed up the Egyptian a_____ in the sea. This became known to the surrounding countries that the God of Israel did this! (Exodus 14; Joshua 2:8-11).
 - b. He r_____ Christ from the dead (attested by Christians and a non-Christian historian named Josephus; and no historian tries to refute for over 80 years)
 - c. He works all things out for the g_____ of those who love Him (Rom 8:28)
 - 1) Joseph did not see that good until 20 years after being sold into slavery by his own b _____ (Gen 50:20).
 - 2) Has God worked a tragedy in your life for good?

●How has God revealed Himself to you personally?

1. The Almighty (Gen 17:1; Rev 1:8)
2. The Savior (Is 43:11; Matt 1:21)
3. The Provider (Phil 4:19; Jms 1:17)
4. The Comforter (2 Cor 1:3,4)
5. The Teacher (I Jn 2:27)
6. The One who loves unconditionally (I Jn 4:9)
7. Forgiving (Eph 4:32; I Jn 1:9)
8. The all-wise God (Rom 11:33; 16:27)
9. The Shepherd (Ps 23:1; Jn 10:27,28)
10. The Promise-keeper (Josh 21:45; I Sam 15:29)

His _____

●When God is about to do something, He will always reveal it to one of His s_____ (Amos 3:7; 2 Tim 2:21)

●Does this mean we can't serve Him until He reveals His purpose to us?

1. Prov 16:9 states that it is okay to p_____ as long as we allowing the Lord to direct our steps.
 - a. Think of the life plans you have made (career, marriage, place to live) – as you look back can you see how God directed your steps?
 - b. As the church makes a ministry plan for the year beginning Oct 1, how do we allow Him to direct our steps?
2. We must do what God has already commanded us in His word:
 - a. Be r_____ in jobs, relationships, finances, time, etc.
 - b. Display the f_____ of the Spirit and battle temptation, pray, read His word, build up each other, etc.
 - c. We can make plans (James 4:13-15) but we must be ready to abandon those plans if God demands it.

His _____

●God's purposes are w_____ He plans to accomplish;
His ways are h_____ He accomplishes His purposes.

●God ways are not _____ ways (Is 55:8)

1. God does not use worldly principles to accomplish His plans. He uses k_____ principles.
2. There are many church seminars on g_____ a church

- a. Some focus on m_____ the church to created numbers. Try to find one example in the Bible where the church marketed itself.
- b. Some focus on g_____ the people you have. Did the early church do this? (Matt 28:18-20; Acts 2:42).
3. When God is about to do something, He will show us how to proceed (e.g. Noah, Moses, feeding the 5000).

Conclusion - Let us, as individuals and as a church, continue living in obedience to God's word, prayerfully implementing plans, so that we will be ready to positively respond to God when He reveals Himself, His purposes, or His ways.