



# RCCG OCEANIA

Identity & Purpose

## Experiential Relationship with God

### At a Glance

#### BIG IDEA

Discover how knowing God personally transforms your existence, enriches your worship, and empowers your service. Through biblical examples and teachings, learn to deepen your relationship with God and fulfill your role as His ambassador and soldier.

#### PRIMARY PASSAGES

John 17:3

1 John 1:1-3

Isaiah 43:21

Revelation 4

John 4:23-24

## Key Takeaways

- Knowing God personally is the essence of eternal life.
- True worship involves submission and alignment with God's will.
- Believers are called to be ambassadors and soldiers for Christ.
- Spiritual warfare requires endurance and strength in faith.
- Life without an experiential relationship with God lacks true purpose.

## Introduction

An experiential relationship with God is foundational to a fulfilling life. It is through this relationship that we find true meaning and purpose. This study explores how knowing God personally can transform our lives, enrich our worship, and empower us to serve as His ambassadors and soldiers.

## Scripture Reading

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- **John 17:3** — Describes life eternal as knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ.
- **1 John 1:1-3** — Speaks about having an experiential relationship with God.
- **Isaiah 43:21** — States that people were created to show forth God's praise.
- **Revelation 4** — Describes unending worship in heaven.
- **John 4:23-24** — God is looking for worshipers who will worship in spirit and truth.

## Key Points

1. **Knowing God Personally** — Life gains true meaning when you know God by experience, as this is the essence of eternal life. Knowing God is not just about intellectual understanding but involves a deep, personal relationship. This relationship is transformative, impacting every aspect of life. It is through this knowledge that we experience the fullness of life promised by Jesus.
  - Reflect on your personal relationship with God and identify areas for deeper connection.
  - Spend time in prayer and meditation to know God more intimately.
  - Share your experiences of knowing God with others to encourage them.

Scripture: John 17:3    1 John 1:1-3

## Key Points (cont.)

2. True Worship — Worship is more than singing; it is a lifestyle of submission to God's authority. True worship involves aligning our lives with God's will and living in obedience to His commands. Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac is a profound example of worship through obedience. Worship in spirit and truth requires sincerity and a heart fully devoted to God.
  - Evaluate your daily life to ensure it aligns with God's will.
  - Practice obedience in small and big decisions as an act of worship.
  - Engage in worship that is sincere and heartfelt, beyond rituals.

Scripture: Genesis 22:5      John 4:23-24

## Key Points (cont.)

**3. Ambassadors and Soldiers** — Believers are called to be ambassadors and soldiers for Christ, engaging in spiritual warfare with endurance. As ambassadors, we represent Christ to the world, sharing His message of reconciliation. As soldiers, we are called to endure hardships and stand firm against spiritual opposition. This dual role requires strength, commitment, and reliance on God's power.

- Identify ways you can represent Christ in your community.
- Prepare for spiritual battles through prayer and study of Scripture.
- Support fellow believers in their roles as ambassadors and soldiers.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21    2 Timothy 2:3-4    Ephesians 6:12

## Group Discussion

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

## **Observation**

- What does John 17:3 say about eternal life?
- How does 1 John 1:1-3 describe an experiential relationship with God?
- What is the purpose of creation according to Isaiah 43:21?
- How is worship depicted in Revelation 4?

## **Interpretation**

- What does it mean to know God personally?
- How can worship be a lifestyle rather than just an activity?
- In what ways are believers called to be ambassadors and soldiers for Christ?

## **Application**

- How can you deepen your personal relationship with God?
- What changes can you make to ensure your life is an act of worship?
- How can you effectively serve as an ambassador for Christ in your daily life?

## Prayer Focus

- Seek a deeper personal relationship with God
- Pray for strength to live as Christ's ambassador
- Ask for guidance in worshiping in spirit and truth

## Next Step

Reflect on your current relationship with God and identify specific ways to deepen it through prayer, study, and worship.

## Conclusion

An experiential relationship with God is the foundation of a meaningful life. By knowing God personally, engaging in true worship, and fulfilling our roles as ambassadors and soldiers, we find purpose and strength. Let us commit to deepening our relationship with God and living out our faith with dedication and joy.