



There's nothing quite like a good summer vacation Road Trip—exploring the country, seeing the world one stop at a time. In that spirit, this summer, BCN is traveling through the history of God's people—stopping along the route to meet our spiritual ancestors. Each encounter is a snapshot of their lives. Each stop is a chance for us to see how God has worked in the lives of His people. Each week is an opportunity for us to consider how God is working among us today.

Most Christians assume that a person has to believe in God before we can experience God. But that's not how relationships work! We experience someone before we really know much about them, and our further experiences of that person teach us more and more about them. This is the same model we see in the Scriptures for relating to God—Samuel has been serving God for several years before he encounters God. Jesus invited the disciples to "Come and see," he didn't give them a doctrine quiz. So how does that change how we share God with the world around us?

### Scriptures for Further Reading

1 Samuel 1-3; Mark 1:14-20; John 1:35-51; Acts 17:16-34

### Questions for Discussion

1. Why do you think we so often assume someone has to believe in God before they can experience God?
2. Describe an intimate relationship you have (family, friend, significant other, etc). How have experience of that person and belief in/knowledge of that person developed?
3. How has your belief in God grown or changed the longer you've experienced God?
4. How much belief/knowledge does someone have to have about God before that person can experience God?
5. What should sharing God look like? What can an invitation to "Come and See" look like in your world?

