



WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1) What do you think people mean when they say they have had an experience with God?

2) Does the word *mystical* make Christianity feel more intriguing to you, or does it make you a little uncomfortable? Why?

Read Revelation 4:2

3) What does it mean to be “in the spirit”?

4) Karl Rahner said in 1971, “The devout Christian of the future will either be a mystic, one who has experienced something, or he will cease to be anything at all.” Do you agree or disagree? Is this a measured comment or an exaggerated one?

5) Why do you think Scripture gives us stories of mystical encounters with God without giving us a formula for how to have one on our own?

6) Why might modern Christians be more comfortable talking about what we believe about God than about actually experiencing God?

7) What might it look like to “let your soul and spirit fly into the mystic” without becoming detached from ordinary life?

8) If you spent ten minutes in silence this week simply saying, “Jesus, I need a word from you,” what do you think might happen?

“Into the Mystic” by Van Morrison: https://youtu.be/UyTG75kYm48?si=r4JxaVvuBy_k6CyR