



#MC3CHURCHCLUB 



Discussion  
Gu'de

**“CHURCH CLOSE”**

09/09/18

IN A CLUB, PEOPLE SEE EACH OTHER AT THE MEETINGS  
*in the church, PEOPLE ARE /NEACH OTHERS LIVES*

## The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- Welcome back to Pr'me! God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the summer.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

## The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.\*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?\*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?\*

*\*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

## The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- What is your *favorite* part of a fruit salad? What fruit-salad-fruit do you like the *least*? What fruit *never* belongs in a fruit salad?

## The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Before we get into this week's Point, let's review from last week: Read Ephesians 5:25-27. From this passage, list the things that Jesus has done for us (the church!). Looking again, what things does Jesus say that we need to do in order to be a part of his church? [NOTHING!]
- Based on this, how does this contrast the church with a club?
- Do you think the world's idea of a club has influenced people's perspective on the church just being about *seeing* others once or twice a month, rather than in each other's lives? If so, how?
- Romans 12:9-16 is a description of what we call "c1 community" (see Acts. 2:42-47). The root of this word is "common"—as the church we have Jesus in common, which affects how we relate to one another. Read each section below and then discuss how it ties in to the category:
  - 12:9-10—Loving Each Other...and doing what's best
  - 12:11-12—Growing Each Other...and pointing to Jesus
  - 12:13-14—Serving Each Other...and offering grace
  - 12:15-16—"Being" Each Other...and sharing life together
- Now look back at each category and brainstorm more, practical ways that you can do each for one another as a Pr'me Group.
- For this first week, pray that you won't just see each other, but that you would "be" each other as Jesus' church.

## The References

### Main Passage: Romans 12:9-16 (NIV)

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

### Ephesians 5:25-17 (NIRV)

Husbands, love your wives. Love them just as Christ loved the church. He gave himself up for her. He did it to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her with water and the word. He did it to bring her to himself as a brightly shining church. He wants a church that has no stain or wrinkle or any other flaw. He wants a church that is holy and without blame.

### Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.