



"THE FOCUS FENCE"
03/24/19

## FENCES O3/24/19 FENCES IN OUR DEVOTION PROTECT US FROM DISTRACTION

## The Repeats (required) They are the same, but WE change, so <u>please</u> <u>discuss</u> these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- This is the LAST WEEK of the Winter Cycle of Pr'me Groups. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working in your life OVER THIS PAST SEASON OF PR'ME.
- 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

 Would you rather have a private train car that connects to any train going anywhere OR a private yacht to boat anywhere there is water?

#### The Reflection (required)

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

- What things come to mind when you hear the word "devotion"?
- For clarity as we discuss, <u>BRIEFLY</u> review the following 4 spiritual habits from the Point, that encompass what we mean by "devotion":
  - What is Bible Study? Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17
  - What is Prayer? Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
  - What is Serving? Read John 13:12-17
  - What is Worship? Read Ephesians 5:17-20
- Read Mark 1:35-37 and answer the following about Jesus' devotion:
  - What was His *Priority* (v.35a)? What does that look like for you?
  - What was His *Place* (v.35b)? Where can you get away like this?
  - What was His *Purpose* (v.35c)? How can you use your time purposely?
  - What was His *Perspective* (v.36-37)? Why is this a challenge?
- Now that we know the importance of devotion, let's review the *Fences* series. Discuss <u>HOW fences in our devotion can protect us</u> from distraction in EACH of the following areas:
  - Fences in Our Lives Protect Us from Danger (Gen 2:17)
  - Fences in Our Marriages Protect Our Hearts from Ruin (Eph 5:21)
  - Fences in Our Friendships Protect Us from Being Misdirected (Prov 13:20)
  - Fences In Our Sexuality Protect Our Future (1 Cor 6:18)
  - Fences In Our Parenting Protect Our Children's Future (Eph 6:4)
  - Fences in Our Finances Protect Our Investments for Eternity (Mat 6:20)
  - [Fences in Our Devotion Protect Us from Distraction (Mk 1:35)]
- What "fence" from this series is God is calling you to build? Be real.

#### The References

Main Passage: Mark 1:35-37 (NIV)\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed...

- 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NLT)\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible
- ...All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us...
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Always be joyful. Never stop praying...

John 13:12-17 (NIV)\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you

### Ephesians 5:17-20 (NIV)\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything...

#### Genesis 2:17 (NIRV)

But you must not eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you do, you can be sure that you will die.

#### Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

#### Proverbs 13:20 (NLT)

Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

#### 1 Corinthians 6:18 (NIRV)

Keep far away from sexual sins. All the other sins a person commits are outside his body. But sexual sins are sins against one's own body.

#### Ephesians 6:4 (NLT)

[Parents], do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

#### Matthew 6:20 (NLT)

Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.