

AMPERS & ND

NAVIGATING THE TENSION
BETWEEN THIS & THAT

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Pr'me
Groups

Discussion
Gu'de

"SERVING & SPEAKING"

03/12/23

OBEDIENCE NAVIGATES THE *TENSION* BETWEEN SERVING AS CHRIST & SPEAKING ABOUT CHRIST

The Repeats (required)

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

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week (but save your prayer requests for the END of Pr'me)?
[Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
**Obedience Navigates the Tension Between
Serving As Christ & Speaking About Christ**
- This Week's Object Lesson:
following GPS direction around an accident/slowdown
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: 1 Peter 3:15b, 16b
*And if someone asks about your hope as a believer,
always be ready to explain it...*
*...Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they
see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.*

The Reflection (required)

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

- Have you even been misled by GPS/Google Maps? Tell your story.
 - This series is about navigating tensions between two things that *seem* to contradict each other. It's not one OR the other, it's &!
 - Read these passages and discuss how each teaches that topic
 - *Serving As Christ*:
 - Romans 5:8
 - *Speaking About Christ*:
 - Colossians 4:6
 - John 13:12-15
 - Galatians 6:10
 - Mark 16:14-16
 - Romans 5:8
 - Matthew 20:26-28
 - 1 John 3:18
 - Acts 1:8
- Have you ever struggled with knowing when to serve someone vs. when to share Christ with them? What did that look like?
- There is no one-size-fits-all answer to when serving is more important than speaking, or vice-versa. Each situation comes down to obedience (see 1 Pet. 3:15a). Look at these areas of obedience and give an example for each of what that might look like today (6 total):
 - *Disconnection?*
 - *Serving* -Romans 12:3
 - *Speaking* -1 Peter 3:15b
 - *Distraction?*
 - *Serving* -James 2:14-17
 - *Speaking* -Colossians 4:3-6
 - *Disobedience?*
 - *Serving* -2 Thess. 3:11-13
 - *Speaking* -Romans 1:15
- Which of these six areas of obedience is the most difficult for you?
- How can 1 Pet 3:15a help you decide when to serve & when to speak?

The Reinforcement (optional)

Use these questions for further discussion during your group, or at home

- Review last week's tension:
 - *In the World:*
 - 1 Cor. 9:19-23
 - *Not Of the World:*
 - 2 Cor. 6:14-18
 - 1 Cor. 5:9-11
 - 1 Peter 2:11-12
 - 1 John 2:15-17
 - Romans 12:2
 - John 17:14-18
 - Matthew 5:13-16
 - John 15:19
 - James 4:4