

AMPERS & ND

NAVIGATING THE TENSION
BETWEEN THIS & THAT

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Pr'me
Groups

Discussion
Gu'de

"NOW & THEN"

03/26/23

PERSPECTIVE NAVIGATES THE TENSION BETWEEN
LIVING WHERE WE ARE NOW & LONGING FOR ETERNITY WITH JESUS

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]
- As we wrap up the Winter cycle of Pr'me, 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:
**Perspective Navigates the Tension Between
Living Where We Are Now & Longing for Eternity With Jesus**
- This Week's Object Lesson:
Surprising reasons for tools/gadgets/devices/appliances
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: **Philippians 1:20-26**
*For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better.
But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ.
So I really don't know which is better. (v. 21-22, NLT)*

The Reflection (required)

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

- Have you ever had an “a-ha!” moment about a device you’ve used?
- 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 explain how each teaches that topic:
 - Living Here Now:
 - Ephesians 2:10
 - 2 Cor. 4:16-18*
 - Hebrews 12:1-3
 - Esther 4:14
 - Ephesians 5:15-16
 - Longing for Then:
 - Colossians 3:1-2
 - Matthew 6:19-21-17
 - Philippians 1:27a
 - John 14:2-4
 - *2 Cor. 4:16-18
- Read **Philippians 1:20-26**. What was Paul’s dilemma here? Why?
- One at a time, read each pair below, then discuss the difference between the two, and how keeping this in mind navigates this tension.
 - *Is My Hope In Getting Things or Using Things?*
 - Getting: **Luke 12:15-21** vs. Using: **Luke 16:1-9**
 - *Is My Hope in Needing People or Reaching People?*
 - Needing: **Galatians 1:10** vs. Reaching: **1 Corinthians 9:19,22-23**
 - *Is My Hope in Self-Security or Self-Sacrifice?*
 - Security: **Matthew 16:24-26** vs. Sacrifice: **1 John 3:16**
- Of the 3 above, where are you most likely to lose perspective? Why?

The Reinforcement (optional)

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

- Let’s review the entire *Ampers&nd* series:
 - *Wisdom Navigates the Tension Between Being In the World & Not Of the World*..... Read **2 Corinthians 10:3** and **Ephesians 5:15**
 - *Obedience Navigates the Tension Between Serving As Christ & Speaking About Christ* Read **1 Peter 3:15-16**
 - *Sensitivity Navigates the Tension Between Extending Grace & Speaking Truth*..... Read **John 8:3-11**
 - *Perspective Navigates the Tension Between Living Where We Are Now & Longing for Eternity with Jesus* Read **Philippians 1:20-26**
- Which week was the most meaningful or challenging to you? Why?