

UNITE-D STATES

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**Pr'me
Groups**

Discussion
Gu'de

"State of Connection"

11/10/24

GROWING CLOSER IN UNITY Requires Proximity

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]
- We're going to *open* by sharing God Moments about what He is doing in our lives, but save our prayer requests for the END 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? [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 briefly to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
Growing Closer in Unity Requires Proximity
- This Week's Object Lesson:
Zoom video call
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: **Hebrews 10:24-25**
And let us not give up meeting together. Some are in the habit of doing this. Instead, let us encourage one another with words of hope. Let us do this even more as you see Christ's return approaching. (v. 25, NIRV)

The Reflection (required)

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

- Brainstorm a list of 20 different things (count them!) in any area of life that you *can* do up close, but *can't* do from a distance.
- Assign people to read: Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:44; Acts 4:32; Rom. 12:13; and 1 Peter 4:9. What is the common theme in these verses?
- According to these passages it is essential to be physically present with others to grow in relationships. Think about your life and those around you, what are excuses that people use to avoid "proximity"?
- What relational problems can come from these excuses? Be specific.
- Jesus is our example of proximity. (1) Read each statement below (2) Summarize the passage as a group (*only* read passage if a reminder is needed) (3) Discuss how the statement ties to the passage.
 - *You Can't Get Dirty from a Distance*
–Jesus Touched the Untouchable (Matthew 8:1-3)
 - *You Can't Influence from a Distance*
–Jesus Stayed With the Unlovable (Luke 19:1-10)
 - *You Can't Reconcile from a Distance*
–Jesus Went To the Unreachable (John 4:1-41)
 - *You Can't Serve from a Distance*
–Jesus Did the Unthinkable (John 13:1-17)
- Going through each of the above stories, how was each person changed because of Jesus' proximity to them?
- Which of the above stories about Jesus inspires you the most? Why?
- Which of the above do you find *easiest* to do? Why?
- Which of the above ideas are you most likely to "phone in" or ignore? Why? What excuses do you make related to this?
- With *that* area(s), what is one practical thing that you would like to do differently to make a change?
- To close, assign volunteers to pray for another person in the group, specifically, that they would make the change that they shared above.