

Proximity: Embracing the One Who Is Near

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Questions: If you've ever lost your phone, how did you feel in the moment? Why?

Proximity is nearness in space, time or relationship.

Key question to ask yourself: Do you live in proximity to God?

Questions: When you close your eyes and pray, where is God? Where do you picture Him to be at when you pray?

God's invitation to us is proximity.

Read Colossians 1:26-27

1. God "Out There"

Deism: God exists, but He is detached from the world.
Christianity: God exists, but we moved away from Him.
Sin: The wall of separation between God and man.

Humanity rebelled, but God didn't walk away.

2. God "with us"

Read John 1:14; Acts 10:38; Colossians 1:21-22

3. God in us

Read John 16:28; John 16:7; Act 1:4, 8-9; Acts 2:1-4

The implications of proximity:

1. When you pray, you don't pray to a God 'out there'

Read Romans 8:11

2. Holy Spirit is in you to help you live for Jesus
3. Holy Spirit in you helps you share Jesus with your world!

Questions: Which one of these implications is most impactful to you? Which one do you need to explore more? What will you do to take the next step?