

APPLICATION

- Q6. To reach people we need to be in proximity to them. What could you do to spend more time with some of your friends, family or colleagues, so you are better positioned to have meaningful conversations with them?
- Q7. Regarding our group, last week we discussed our interests, and some ideas for things we could do together to which we could invite some of our non-Church friends and family, to involve and bless them. How are we going with those discussions and plans? What could we do as a group this year to enjoy time with a number of people around a shared interest or activity?

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The principle of proximity



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Discussion 1: The principle of proximity

LAUNCHING:

- Q1. Have you ever been part of a group that had some amazing or intense experiences together, and many of you became life-long friends as a result?

Today we're going to talk about how, if we want to encourage people to consider faith in Jesus, we first need to give time to spending time with them because conversations logically about in that context – and all this can be easier when working with a team too.

- Q2. Out of interest, do you think you can relate well to all types of people – or are there certain personality types you relate especially well to?
- Q2b. If some people had certain 'types of people' they didn't feel they could relate well to – could it be that someone else in the group does relate well to them?

GUIDING

- Q3. On Sunday our pastor/preacher talked about how Jesus and his disciples were found eating at tables with both Pharisees (Luke 7:36-50) and also sinful tax collectors (Zacchaeus - Luke 19:1-10).
- What point was being made?
- Q3b. How many non-church people are you meaningfully connected with in an average week?
- o If it is not many, do you think is this ok, or is it a weakness?
 - o If a weakness, what sort of things could you do to change this?

READ: Could someone read 1 Corinthians 12:17-20?

"If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body."

- Q4. What is the point of this verse?

READ: I'd like to read an illustration to you:

"In each great city there are all kinds of people; rich and poor, high and low, cultured and uncultured, holding many different religious be-liefs and philosophies of life. Some of these men and women, of different social back-grounds, are scientifically inclined and love the process of analytical reasoning even in the field of religion. On the other hand, there are many who do not want to think, or do not know how to think, and every message must be given them in digested form. Many are not against religion but are indifferent to it, although there are those who pride themselves on being atheists or agnostics. Then there are the youth with their own ambitions and ideas of life. The gospel must be made attractive to all of these, and it takes different types of workers to do this." — Source unknown.

- Q5. ACTIVITY: Let's make a list of the different kinds of experiences and interests we have amongst us as a group (to reflect to us the range of people we could potentially relate to).
- ...but please – you don't have to share all your experiences. Also, please only share what you are comfortable to share, because this is an illustration only.*

[Note to leader: If people start to share things that are really personal, be ready to show compassion – but also maybe to steer the conversation toward a more 'light hearted direction. The purpose here isn't the discussing of deep emotional issues).

In considering your various experiences consider your...

- different backgrounds
- different economic experiences
- different family and relational experiences
- different hobbies and interest
- different personalities
- different travel experiences
- different educational and work experiences

Concluding (somewhat rhetorical) question:

Do you see how we, as a group, could potentially relate well to a very wide group of people when working as a team