

PROXIMITY TO ONE ANOTHER

BIG IDEA

"Christianity was never designed to be lived in isolation. We only discover the fullness of God's love and grow into His calling *together with His people* in the Body of Christ. Private faith is powerless, but shared faith transforms lives."

SCRIPTURES REFERENCED

Ephesians 3:14-21

Colossians 1:13-18

• 1 Corinthians 12:27

TALK IT OVER

- **Read Ephesians 3:18.** Paul says we understand Christ's love "together with all the Lord's people." Why do you think we can't experience the fullness of God's love on our own? Can you think of a time you saw God's love more clearly because of other people?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 12:27.** Paul says we are the *Body of Christ* and each of us is a part. What part of the body do you think you're like and what would happen if that part decided to stop working?
- Think about the fish illustration from the sermon. Why does being with other believers, going deeper in prayer, and feeding on God's Word protect us from temptation? How have you seen people get "baited" when they were isolated?
- Groups at GCC are about **Connect, Protect, and Grow.** Which one do you feel you need the most right now? What's one practical way you can take a step in that area this week?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for God to draw you into proximity with Him and each other.
- Pray for 100% participation in Whatever It Takes and for God to continue to supply all that is needed for the entire initiative.
- Pray for all Bible teaching churches to grow through salvations and revival.