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# RELATIONSHIP

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## INTRODUCTION

Last week, Pastor Jesse began our three-week series Close the Gap by focusing on our personal responsibility in being available to God who can change us and use us for His mission of bringing others to and helping them grow in Christ. This week, Pastor Chip focuses on our need to be involved in relationships with fellow believers.

## DISCUSSION

1. Discuss each of the following statements and how you are personally impacted by them.
  - a. "We are fully alive in Christ when we are in meaningful community with other Christians."
  
  - b. "A fully alive community of Christians is the most attractive thing in our world."
  
2. Pastor Chip defined "Landing Spot" as "margin in my calendar and my life for discipleship relationships and invites to people who need to see Jesus." **Read Acts 2:36-47.** What landing spots did the early Christians have? What would those landing spots look like in your personal relationships or in church?
  
3. As a group, pray that God would point out one landing spot each member might sacrifice to Him so relationships could grow and others might be drawn closer to Jesus. After the initial prayer, provide for a time of silence so each member has an opportunity to hear from God. Give opportunity for anyone to share if they have made a commitment to a landing spot and have the group pray for God to help them keep their commitment.

## THINK ABOUT IT

A young man in his mid-twenties was working in the kitchen of a large metropolitan hospital. Although he attended Sunday School and church growing up, he had fallen away from spiritual interests. Several coworkers spoke openly about their faith. Though the women attended different churches, their faith walks deeply resembled each other, and the young man was drawn to their examples. A couple years after leaving the hospital, he came into a full relationship with Jesus Christ and credited the women's influences as a factor in his coming to Christ.

## DO SOMETHING

1. Seek God through prayer and contemplation and ask Him to show you a "landing spot" you could develop in your life. Share with a fellow believer and ask them to pray for you and hold you accountable.
2. As a group or on your own, read Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and/or Colossians over the next few weeks. Every time you read a command with "one another" in it, write it down and note how each command requires deep community and discipleship relationships!
3. If you are not in a small group, prayerfully consider signing up for an I AM Group. Use the form handed out at service and turn it into the Connection Desk or sign up at [prairielakeschurch.org/groups](http://prairielakeschurch.org/groups).