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This year, the chaplains at Andrews University decided to take their theme of Proximity a step further.

“The Campus Ministries team had a burden to help students build deep relationships with God,” says June Price, university lead chaplain, “relationships which extend beyond consumerism of services and programs. We asked God for guidance and, one night as I was lying in bed, praying, the idea for an app flooded my mind.”

So the Proximity app was born. Crafted specifically for use at Andrews University but usable anywhere, the app aims to aid people in creating the daily habit of connecting with God and growing in him.

App features include:

- **THE WEEKDAY WORD:** A two to four-minute video devotional from various Adventist pastors, chaplains and professors around the world
- **BIBLE STUDY METHOD:** Monthly Bible study techniques with suggested weekly texts

- **FIND A BIBLE STUDY:** Invitation to contact local churches to find a Bible study, offering options for those on the Andrews campus
- **CONNECTION TOOLS:** Weekly description of a tool to build a relationship with God
- **THE PROXIMITY CIRCLE:** Invite friends to join you in the Proximity journey with encouragement, prayer and accountability
- **FIND A SMALL GROUP:** Invitation to contact local churches to find a small group, offering options for those on the Andrews campus
- **SURRENDER TOOLS:** Weekly description of a tool to aid in surrendering, submitting and depending on God
- **GOD’S PROMISES:** A list of Bible texts which reveal God’s commitment and power to transform our lives
- **NOTES:** Write out thoughts in the app, in the moment

“The most impactful benefit this app can have for Andrews University and the community, or anyone who uses it, is the fruit of the time we spend with God,” says Price. “When we spend time with God, he produces a harvest that is beyond the ability of any and all human effort.”

It was out of a time of surrender, the word “proximity” was birthed as a vision of operation for Campus Ministries. This vision is based on Jesus’ prayer in John 17. Proximity: Get Clear, Get Close, Get Clean.

Get Clear: Know God for who He really is.

Get Close: Closer to Christ, and closer to each other.

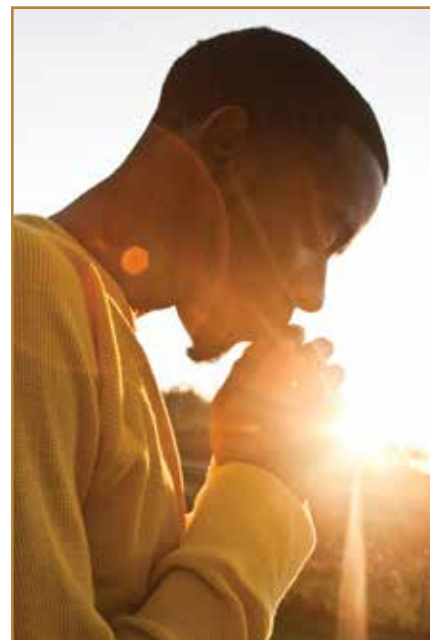
Get Clean: Be sanctified through truth.

So, together, the team asked the Lord to fill them with a vision of how Andrews can be useful for what his purpose is right now. “I firmly believe that God placed our chaplains’ team together, in this particular mix of three people with a particular mission in mind, and we need to know what it is,” says Price.

After a few weeks of private prayer, the team spent a day in collective prayer, asking God to reveal his plan. At the end of the day, they all felt a singular thread confirmed in their hearts: “I need to be close to my people again.”

Download the app for free by searching “proximity circle” on Google Play or The App Store. Get Clear, Get Close, Get Clean.

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