

Intimate Encounters

when *close enough* is no longer *good enough*

Part 3: Generosity

When expectations aren't met in a relationship, it creates a gap, and gaps can get in the way of our closeness. When those gaps occur, will we choose to believe the best or the worst?

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to be "generous" in a relationship
2. Reading **1 Corinthians 13:1–7**. What stands out to you? What would need to happen for you to be more protective, trusting, hopeful, and perseverant?
3. Can you identify anything from your past (broken relationships, hurts, insecurities, etc.) that would lead you to unhealthy or unrealistic expectations?
4. Have you ever experienced someone approaching you before you had to go to them when their behavior created a gap? How did that affect your relationship?
5. **Suspicion** gives into insecurity and erodes intimacy, while **trust** believes the best and builds security into a relationship. What can you do to close the gap with someone this week?