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Those Near Go Far
November 1, 2026

Summary
Kyle begins a new sermon series titled *GO: Brought Near to Go Far*, exploring how God calls us to step beyond our familiar circles to share His love with others. In this first message, *Those Near to Go Far*, Kyle reminds us that because Jesus has brought us near to God, we are called to reach out to others, even those who are different from us or difficult to love.

In Ephesians 2:11-18, Paul reminds us that we were once far from God, but through Jesus' death on the cross, we have been brought near to Him. Jesus not only makes peace between us and God but also breaks down the walls that divide us from one another. Through Him, people from different backgrounds who were once separated can become one family in Christ. While the world longs for peace and unity, true reconciliation is found in Jesus. As His followers, we are called to share this good news with others, including those who are different from us, those who frustrate us, and those who seem far from God. Because Jesus has brought us near, we can go to others with His message of hope, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Scripture
He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. Acts 10:28 (NIV)

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)—remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Ephesians 2:11-18 (NIV)

Let's Start
Think of someone who is very different from you. What tends to make it easier or harder for you to connect with that person?

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Gratitude and Prayer
How has God been at work in your life since we last met?

Let's Talk
1. In the message, Kyle described three reasons we tend to like people: similarity, reciprocity and proximity. Which of these most influences your relationships with others?
2. In Ephesians 2:11-12, Paul reminds the Gentiles that they were once far from God. Why is it important for us to remember that we, too, were once far from God?
3. According to Ephesians 2:13-16, what has Jesus done to bring us near to God and reconcile us to one another? Why are both parts of this message important?
4. The cross offers both personal forgiveness and reconciliation with others. Why can it be difficult to accept people who have also received God's forgiveness but are very different from us?
5. Kyle described peace and unity as things the world longs for but struggles to achieve. How does knowing Jesus change the way we pursue peace and unity with others?
6. One mark of spiritual maturity is to ***commit to life-changing relationships*** by loving people who are different from us, even when the relationship is difficult. Where might God be inviting you to grow in this area, and what is one step you could take?
7. What was your takeaway from the interview with the Global Partner?

Let's Act
We are called to go to those who are different from us or far from God. Who in your life might need to hear the good news of Jesus, and what is one way you could begin building a relationship with that person?

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