

OUT OF THE SHALLOWS

Week 3: We > Me

Many of us have viewed faith as something we do alone. We might have said that it's private. But there's a limit to our faith growth when we go it alone. There's a deepening to our faith that we only experience together. When it comes to consistently growing our faith, "we" is greater than "me." Who's spurring on your faith and whose faith are you spurring on?

Discussion Questions

1. Who has most shaped your faith journey? Share how they shaped your faith.
2. At one point, were you hesitant to join a small group as a means to grow your faith? What factors (personality, church tradition, fear of the unknown, etc.) influenced you?
3. Read Hebrews 10:19–25 aloud in your group. Note the author of Hebrews use of the words "we," "our," and "us." Share in your own words the picture these verses paint of pursuing God together.
4. On our own, each of us has the potential to rationalize our wrong behavior or carry the guilt of our mistakes. At times we need others to hold us accountable to walking in truth. Other times we need someone to remind us of truth. We all need people who accept us for who we are but who love us enough not to allow us to stay stuck. Does your group respond in this way to one another? If no, what could this look like for your group?
5. Pivotal circumstances (tensions in relationships, financial difficulties, a diagnosis, an opportunity lost, a devastating defeat, the end of a relationship, a loss of a loved one, etc.) will come our way that tempt us to swerve in our hope in God. God has uniquely positioned your group to be the reminders to one another that God is faithful in uncertainty. Does your group offer this hope? Is there anyone in your group who could use your support in holding on to hope?
6. A "we" can consistently go deeper in a way that you can't with just a "me." If we really believe this is true, how could it impact the time we spend in group? How can your group encourage one another in a deeper way? When your current group ends, how will you continue to make meeting together a priority even amid the busyness of life?

Moving Forward

We've created a resource to help your group share what's working well and to discuss opportunities for your group to experience more together. We've also provided group tips and resources to help you experience a better "we" as a group. Visit northpoint.org/betterwe.