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**03. Worship Is A Lifestyle**            **04. We Are Family**                      **05. We > Me**

We believe that as the Body of Christ, we are growing to be a part of something greater than ourselves. The “Me” mentality fragments and dilutes the story of Christ that we are privileged to tell. We believe that **“we” is greater than “me”**. We believe everyone has a role to play and a story to tell. And we don’t always have to get credit for everything we do because of the One who sees it all rewards us all.

For us, there is no they ... as in, “I don’t know who decided that, but ‘they’ must not have thought about us when ‘they’ did.” In most organizations, “they” is simply code for the people we don’t know, can’t see, or don’t like.

We are just “we”- that’s why our first response is to assume the best of those who are leading and attempting to follow God’s direction for our Church family. We support. We trust. We unite. We squash gossip and encourage those around us. We don’t always get everything right, so when needed we talk to the proper people in the proper ways so that our “we” can become as strong as it can be.

Because Jesus is our lead story, we do not elevate ourselves above Him or one another. The truth is we are nothing apart from Christ, but because we are His, we also don’t cheat ourselves and live like we are nobodies. We are humbly confident in who God has made us to be. We believe humility and honor are the path to living out a culture of “We > Me.” It is God who rewards humility and honors people. Because He has honored us, we honor each other, as we are becoming something greater than ourselves.

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- Pride Destroys the Power of “We” (Proverbs 28:25)
- Insecurity Destroys the Power of “We” (Genesis 3:8)
- Resentment Destroys the Power of “We”(Hebrews 12:14-15)

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- Humility Destroys the Power of “Me” (1 Peter 3:8)
- Love Destroys the Power of “Me” (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a)
- Forgiveness Destroys the Power of “Me” (Isaiah 43:18-19)
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Destroys the Power of “Me”
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  - Gives \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 6:10)
  - Demonstrates \_\_\_\_\_(1 Thessalonians 5:11-12a)
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Destroys the Power of “Me”
  - Devoted to \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 8:34)
  - Connected to \_\_\_\_\_ Another (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

**Application:** If we commit ourselves to the Kingdom Value of “We > Me” then we will fulfill God’s desire for us to \_\_\_\_\_ one another; then the world will take notice and be drawn to our \_\_\_\_\_. Does your life demonstrate “Me > We” or “We > Me”? What about in your, family, your marriage, or your Church Family? What is keeping you from an attitude of “We > Me”?

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