



Small Group Guide: We Not Me

Discussion Questions

Opening Question

- When you were growing up, were you ever part of a team, a club, or a group where everyone had a distinct role? What made that group work well or fall apart?

Section 1: I Am Gifted

- The sermon referenced Adrian Peterson as a 5-star recruit in 2004, someone identified early as exceptionally gifted. Do you think most people in the church have a clear sense of their spiritual gifts? Why or why not?
- 1 Corinthians 12:7 says the Spirit's manifestation is given to each person for the common good. How does knowing your gift is meant for others change the way you think about using it?
- Have you ever discovered a gift in yourself that surprised you? What were the circumstances that revealed it?

Section 2: I Am Important

- The sermon referenced Owen Heinecke, a walk-on player who earned his place through persistence and contribution. Have you ever felt like a walk-on in the church, as if you were not quite important enough to really matter? What shaped that feeling?
- 1 Corinthians 12:18 tells us that God placed every part in the body exactly as He wanted. How does it change your perspective to know that your place in the body was God's intentional choice and not an accident?



- What happens to a church body when members believe their contribution is too small to matter and choose to stay on the sidelines?

Section 3: It's Not Me, It's We

- The sermon pointed to John Mateer and the idea that we can do more together than we can alone. Where have you personally experienced the truth of that statement?
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 describes the body as made up of people from vastly different backgrounds, all united by one Spirit. What barriers, whether cultural, generational, or personal, might be keeping your church community from functioning as a truly unified body?

Closing Reflection Question

- Of the three truths from this sermon, I Am Gifted, I Am Important, and It's Not Me, It's We, which one do you most need to believe more deeply right now? What is one step you could take this week to act on it?

This Week, Choose One:

- **Discover Your Gift:** If you have never intentionally explored your spiritual gifts, take a spiritual gifts assessment this week and share the results with someone in your group at the next meeting.
- **Show Up:** Identify one area in your church or community where your presence and contribution have been inconsistent. Make a concrete commitment to engage there in the next two weeks.
- **Encourage Another Member:** Think of someone in your church whose contribution often goes unnoticed. Reach out to them this week and specifically tell them why their role in the body matters.