

Small Group Connect

WEEK 1 | *Me, We, Them*

The ME Element = what *I* do to live and speak **my** faith where I am.

The WE Element = what **we** do to live and speak **our** faith where we are.

The THEM Element = What *I* do with **you** to reach **them**.

Something to Consider

Lead your class through a discussion using the following questions.

1. Which of the three elements of *our* small group is most important to you right now: What *you* get out of it personally; what *we* do together; or how *we* reach or serve people who aren't in our group?
2. Of the three elements (me, we, them) what would you say is the *focus* of *our* group right now?
3. On a scale from 1—5, how healthy is our group in each of these elements (me, we, them)? Are we better at one than another?

You can think of the 5 point scale like this:

- 1 = One Foot in the Grave
- 2 = Contestant on Biggest Loser
- 3 = Average Joe
- 4 = Occasional Jogger
- 5 = Chuck Norris, Marathon Runner, BOOMER SOONER!

Something to Pray

You may have already had your group prayer time or you may be about to begin. Either way, add the following things to your prayer list and ask someone to voice a prayer for these things out loud.

READ, *Philippians 1:9–11*, “And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”

1. **ME**—Ask God to speak to your heart today.
2. **WE**—Ask God to strengthen the friendships of everyone in your group.
3. **THEM**—Ask God to give your group the ability to see, the desire to reach, and the opportunity to serve your friends, family and coworkers who are far from God.

Something to Do

Nothing draws people together like a goal to reach, a game to win or a project to accomplish. Try to accomplish both of these ideas sometime over the next 6 weeks.

1. ***Make plans for a group fellowship*** outside your regular group time. It could be something as simple as a meal after church or as exciting as a party. Let your group work out the details. Make certain everyone in your group receives a personal invitation from someone else in the group and encourage people to bring someone with them.
2. ***Begin talking about ways your group could serve individuals or groups in our community.*** Children’s Home, Senior Adult Center, Women’s Shelter, Food Bank, Cleaning Up a stretch of land, helping someone move are only a few ideas for projects your class could consider.