



## Pastor Mike Hofer “The Shift: We to Me to We” 5/16/2021

### Key Verses:

- Genesis 1-3, Galatians 6

### Key Thoughts:

- **The goal of this series is to rethink and understand (1) God’s mission in the world better, (2) our call as a church within his mission and (3) our roles as individuals within that call.**
- **Sometimes the smallest correction can get us back on course.**
- In *Genesis 1:26-27*, God says let “us” make man in “our” image. We are created in the image of community so that means we were never created to be individuals. You were created for WE.
- When God sees man by himself, he says that it’s not good (*Genesis 2:18*) and creates community for the individual (*Genesis 2:22-23*).
- How do we get from *Genesis*, being created for community, to now building fences to keep our neighbors out? We can look at *Genesis 3:7* and see where the man and woman shifted from WE to ME. They start using language that’s more individual, saying “I” and shifting blame to each other.
- How do we get back to being WE centered? Creating WE culture takes risks and vulnerability. It means sometimes our expectations won’t get met and we have to take down some of our protections. Jesus was teaching his disciples how to create WE culture: sacrifice, giving, discipling, love, peace, joy.
- ME culture takes a bow; WE culture gives a standing ovation.

### What *Galatians 6* teaches us about WE culture:

1. Share Each Other’s Burdens – *Galatians 6:2*
  - WE culture says: “We’re all in this together. How do we share the load?”
2. Understand Your Worth – *Galatians 6:3*
  - WE culture says: “Our worth is based in the fact that we’re ALL made in the image of God. How do I help others see their worth?”
3. Don’t Compare – *Galatians 6:4*
  - WE culture says: “We all bring something unique to the table. What can I bring to the table for the community?”
4. Do Good for Others – *Galatians 6:10*
  - WE culture says: “What can I give to the community so others can see Jesus?”

### Discussion Questions:

- What from this message resonated with you or challenged you?
- How do you recognize that you have been ME centered?
- What is God leading you to bring to the table for your community?