

## **We are Better Together! (Part 2)- Going Deeper Questions**

Sunday, September 13, 2026

**Question #1:** Do you genuinely see yourself as a vital part of the body of Christ, or do you sometimes feel more like a spectator? What does it mean to you personally that God has already made a place for you in His body? Are there areas where you have allowed yourself to remain on the “sidelines” rather than becoming fully connected? What would change in your life if you truly believed, “I belong here, and I have something to contribute”?

**Question #2:** Have you ever looked at someone else’s gift, personality, success, or position and thought, “I could never do what they do”? How has comparison caused you to undervalue what God has placed in you? What is one gift, ability, experience, or characteristic that you need to stop minimizing? What would it look like to celebrate someone else’s gift without feeling like it diminishes your own?

**Question #3:** What experiences has God allowed you to walk through that could now help someone else? What gifts or abilities do you recognize in yourself that you haven’t fully surrendered to God? What have you been holding back from God? If you stopped asking, “Am I qualified?” and started asking, “Am I willing?”, what might God do through you?

**Question #4:** Why do you think it is sometimes easier to remain independent than to become deeply connected? Who has helped you grow spiritually because you were willing to let them into your life? Are you currently connected through an eGroup, Bible study, Serve Team, ministry, or meaningful relationships within the church? What is one step you could take to become more connected to the body?

**Question #5:** What is God speaking to you about your place in His church? Are you currently functioning in the purpose God has given you, or are you standing on the sidelines? What is one area where you need to move from “Do I belong?” to “How can I belong?” What is keeping you from taking that next step? What would it look like for you to fully embrace this statement: “I have a place. I have a purpose. I am needed.”

### **Challenge:**

1. Take one intentional step toward deeper connection at Encounter Church.
2. Identify one gift, ability, experience, or resource God has placed in you and ask, “How can I use this to serve someone else?” Then do something about it.
3. Find one person who needs encouragement, prayer, help, or simply someone to walk alongside them. Reach out and remind them: “You don’t have to walk alone.”