

PART 2: Faith That Unites

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START

We all have different emotions that creep up when we have to be a part of a group project. Whether it's a group project in school (or during your school days), at work, or another group you were assigned to there can be some annoyances that creep their way in as you work as a group.

- What was the best or worst experience with a group project?
- What role do you usually take on in a group project?
- When it comes to your faith, how does it relate to a group project?

READ

[Luke 5:18-20](#) (NIV)

Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw **their** faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

THINK

If we are not careful we can create circles that crowd people from coming to Jesus. Circles of exclusiveness, social structures, church culture, or knowledge. These might not be the only circles, but if we don't stay self-aware we can easily only focus on our individual faith and overlook those that need us to walk with them.

- What other circles can be created that crowd people from coming to Jesus?
- Where in your life have you unintentionally crowded people out?
- How can you stay self-aware to continue to include others?

A faith that is lived out in community gives witness to what Jesus is doing in the lives of us and others, and it continues to unite us. When our faith is united together, remarkable things happen. A united faith supports others, intercedes for others, and fuels praise.

- How has the faith of others held you up?
- How is your faith holding others up?
- What are you praising God for in your faith community?

PRAY

"God, help me to not see my faith as just a personal thing. Remind me that my faith holds influence with those around me, and let me live my faith out in community with others."

ACT

This week, think about how the faith of others has held you up and how your faith is holding others up. Take a step to walk alongside someone to encourage them in their faith journey.

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