

Core Work Derrick Shields and Jason Shawa "Worship and Belong" 2/19/23

Key Verses: Psalm 40:1-3, 1 Corinthians 12:27, and Ephesians 2:19

Key Thought: Two elements of our "strategy"— how we interact with each other to accomplish our mission — are 1) to WORSHIP God with our whole heart and 2) to BELONG to the family of God.

Points to Consider:

- We are on a mission to "awaken the broken to a life of wholeness found in Jesus" by worshiping God with our whole heart and belonging to the family of God.
- "Worship is our response, both personal and corporate, to God for who He is, and what He has done; expressed in and by the things we say and how we live" (Louie Giglio).
- Psalm 40:1-3: <u>Celebration</u> of God is a vertical dimension of worship, and <u>proclamation</u> of God is a horizontal dimension of worship. → Outcomes: The whole share God with the broken (cf. Isaiah 6:1-8), and the broken are drawn to Christ (cf. 1 Corinthians 14:24-25).
- Ephesians 2:19: We are a part of God's "household" (οἰκεῖος), defined in the lexicon B.D.A.G. as "persons who are related by kinship or circumstances and form a closely knit group... with focus on association in common cause or belief."
- How to Belong (Insights from 1 Corinthians 12:1-27):
 - i. Identify and exercise your spiritual gifts for the good of the body.
 - ii. Find your place in the body to connect and minister.
 - iii. Care for the body (just like we need to care for our physical body).

Discussion Prompts:

- Discuss the significance of each part of the quotation from Louie Giglio.
- In view of Giglio's definition, rate your own worship from 1-5, with an explanation.
- How does genuine worship become a powerful witness?
- Considering the insights from 1 Corinthians 12, how are you doing with BELONG? On which of the three do you most need to focus, and why?
- Discuss how, specifically, worship and belong help us to accomplish our mission.