



Scripture:

LUKE 1:39-56



Advent

Humans...

- *ARE SOCIAL CREATURES*
- *VENERATE SHARED IDEALS*
- *ARE ATTRACTED TO BEAUTY AND CREATIVITY*



*SHARED WORSHIP INCREDIBLY
EMPOWERS FAITHFUL WAITING*



Key ideas:

- *EMPOWERS – ANTHROPOLOGICALLY,
NOT JUST SPIRITUALLY*
- *FAITHFUL WAITING – PERSEVERING AND
FRUITFUL*





1.

*We are
together.*

Songs come in "together" contexts



Together is normative:

PRAYER

MATTHEW 18:19-20

"AGAIN, I TELL YOU THAT IF TWO OF YOU ON EARTH AGREE ABOUT ANYTHING YOU ASK FOR, IT WILL BE DONE FOR YOU BY MY FATHER IN HEAVEN. FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE COME TOGETHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I WITH THEM."

Together is normative:

FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

HEBREWS 10:23-25

**LET US HOLD UNSWERVINGLY TO THE HOPE
WE PROFESS, FOR HE WHO PROMISED IS
FAITHFUL. AND LET US CONSIDER HOW WE
MAY SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON TOWARDS LOVE
AND GOOD DEEDS...**

Together is normative:

*...LET US NOT GIVE UP MEETING TOGETHER,
AS SOME ARE IN THE HABIT OF DOING, BUT
LET US ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER—AND ALL
THE MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY
APPROACHING.*


Together is normative:

DISCIPLINE

1 CORINTHIANS 5:4-5

WHEN YOU ARE ASSEMBLED IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS AND I AM WITH YOU IN SPIRIT, AND THE POWER OF OUR LORD JESUS IS PRESENT, HAND THIS MAN OVER TO SATAN, SO THAT THE SINFUL NATURE MAY BE DESTROYED AND HIS SPIRIT SAVED ON THE DAY OF THE LORD.

*MOST OF THE NEW TESTAMENT SPIRITUAL
“DISCIPLINES” THAT ARE EMPHASIZED ARE
EITHER CORPORATE BY NATURE, OR ARE
EMPHASIZED AS BEING DONE TOGETHER -
LIKE FASTING AND PRAYING.*



Humanity

- ***WHO IS THE CRITICAL QUESTION***
- ***WE SHOULD BE EFFECTED BY OTHERS***
- ***FELLOWSHIP IS 'INTEGRAL' - EVERYTHING***
- ***MERGING OF ALL 9 SENSES SYNERGIZED***
- ***MINORITIES NEED A COUNTER TRIBE***

*NO CURRENT VIRTUAL TOOL CAN CREATE
A SUFFICIENT INTERFACE TO CONVEY THE
INTERACTIVE PURPOSE WE GET FROM
EACH OTHER IN PERSONAL CONTACT.*





2.

It Is Worship.

Worship: 2 criteria

*DIVINE: DIRECT ATTENTION TO GOD, HIS TRUTH
AND GOODNESS IN ACCORD WITH HIS WILL.*



HUMANE: PERSONAL YET TRANSFERABLE.



'Magnificat'

ALL THE SONGS
IN LUKE 1-2 ARE
LIKE THIS.

PERSONAL - 2 VERSES ABOUT MARY.

TRANSFERABLE - THE REST ABOUT US ALL.

Worship

- *PAYS DIRECT ATTENTION TO GOD*
- *REHERSES HIS TRUTH AND GOODNESS*
- *THROUGH HIS PROMISES AND ACTS*
- *IS INTENSELY PERSONAL AND CONTEXTUAL*
- *IS TRANSFERABLE AND UNIVERSAL*



3.

We Use Art.

A silent string - art is everywhere

SONGS: ART:

MOSES AND MIRIAM CHERUBIM

DEBORAH FRUIT AND ANIMALS

DAVID CURTAINS, STONES, PILLARS

MARY SINGERS

REVELATION OUTFITS



Art's purpose


- *FOR COMMUNICATION*
- *FOR BEAUTY OR ATTRACTION*
- *FOR EMOTIONAL CONNECTION TO IDEAL*
- *FOR MEMORY*
- *FOR RITUAL*

Art can serve anything

BEAUTY CAN BE ONLY ATTRACTIVE

AMOS 6:5

*“YOU STRUM AWAY ON YOUR HARPS LIKE
DAVID, AND IMPROVISE ON MUSICAL
INSTRUMENTS...BUT YOU DO NOT GRIEVE OVER
THE RUIN OF JOSEPH...”*



Art is normative:

COLOSSIANS 3:16-17

LET THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU RICHLY AS YOU TEACH AND ADMONISH ONE ANOTHER WITH ALL WISDOM, AND AS YOU SING PSALMS, HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS WITH GRATITUDE IN YOUR HEARTS TO GOD. AND WHATEVER YOU DO, WHETHER IN WORD OR DEED, DO IT ALL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS, GIVING THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER THROUGH HIM.

Art is normative:

EPHESIANS 5:18-20

DO NOT GET DRUNK ON WINE, WHICH LEADS TO DEBAUCHERY. INSTEAD, BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT. SPEAK TO ONE ANOTHER WITH PSALMS, HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS. SING AND MAKE MUSIC IN YOUR HEART TO THE LORD, ALWAYS GIVING THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER FOR EVERYTHING, IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Art's application

- *EVANGELICALS ARE NOT GREAT ON THIS*
- *IT IS SOME PEOPLE'S GIFT*
- *THE CARPET MATTERS*
- *BEAUTY IS HUMANE - EVERYWHERE*
- *ART NEEDS TO BE PATRONIZED OR ELSE IT IS ONLY MONOTIZED.*

*This is where the Holy
Spirit shows up.*

ELIZABETH - 1:41

MARY

ZECHARIAH - 1:67

SIMEON AND ANNA - 2:25-26



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