



Jimmy Bartz: New Frontiers of Worshipping Communities

Open with Prayer:

God of heaven and earth, we gather in your presence.

Speak to us with grace and truth and pour out your love upon us.

May we come together in this time of learning and sharing as people of your Spirit.

We give you thanks, O God, for every blessing and spiritual gift you have given us.

May we use them to be a source of blessing in your world to the glory of your name. Amen.

Watch Video pausing for discussion

You are welcome to pause the video for discussion as you feel appropriate.

Suggested stopping points are at timestamps 4:50, 22:50, 31:36, 35:55, and 45:41.

The following questions are suggestions for discussion.

Laundry Love

What did you see that inspired you? Troubled you?

Jimmy calls Laundry Love ministry. What is ministry? How does it differ from charity work?

What does ministry in your church look like?

Survival is antithetical to the Christian Faith

What does this statement, “Survival is antithetical to the Christian Faith,” mean for you and your church?

What is your church’s mission? What would you like it to be? What would God like it to be?

What role does creativity have in the work of your church?

Failure is always an option.

What ministries have failed in your church? What did you learn as a community?

How does living in eternity inform failure for you?

People are the new program

How could this concept that people are the new program change your church’s approach to ministry? In what ways is your church in the perfect position to adopt this approach?

Pace and tone matter

What is the pace of your church’s life? Your life? Do you take time to meander?

You and your church are part of God’s Eternity; how does that make you feel?

What does your church sound like? Does it sound like you?

How we orient ourselves

It’s always yes, until it’s no

We are serious about what we do, but we do not take ourselves too seriously

We are building the Kingdom not a church

How do your church’s boundaries reflect the ministry of Christ?

What innovative ways has your church employed to not take yourselves too seriously?

Lent is coming. What will it look like for you and your church this year?

“We are Monday-Saturday followers of Jesus who happen to get together on Sunday.” How are you and your church currently living out this statement?

Discuss the courage and passion that can be found in your church.

Close with Prayer:

Good and Gracious God, we ask your Spirit of Truth to be with us as we leave this place of study and prayer. May our joys and hopes follow us and our adventuring continue to enlighten us, bringing us closer to you and to one another. Amen.