GROUPREFLECTION

The following is a Group Reflection for your worship community.

This may be used individually as a private reflection tool, or you may want to get together and chat about it over nachos.

Either way, enjoy the journey!



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Rising And Falling As A Team

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Read the following quote, (slowly and out loud) and then take some time to answer the questions that follow:

"It is only in creating with others that we find we might be truly be capable of achieving the impossible. Our individual efforts seem to rise and fall like popularity rises and falls. And yet, when we work together as a team, popularity is never the point. In fact, the pressing desire to be singled out and "noticed" usually hinders true community success.

"Fruitfulness" is the theme when others are working alongside of us. People aren't so impressed with our ability to look good, but rather with our ability to be good - and to lift the whole of our team by offering our effort to a task or event.

It is possible that we are only as healthy relationally as our ability to lay down our personal agendas and to serve goals that are higher than our own.

That kind of commitment is most difficult when we must serve that higher agenda alongside of other friends. Others remind us to be humble as we offer our gift, remind us to never take too much identity from our contribution, and remind us to choose to love when we are frustrated with those that God has given us. Others are a gift to us.

It is when we choose to love the tribe to which God has given us that we find our way to some level of mutual giving. When we are all working hard to give, rather than to take, that sweetens the whole experience of serving. Worship begins, for us, when we are fighting for love, and when we are living in relational generosity as a worship community."

1. Name one moment when you felt like you understood your best way of serving others in the worship community. How did that seem to inspire them?

2. If you could say one positive attribute about your worship community right now, what would that be?

3. How does your strength together, as a worship community, seem to "pack more punch" than your own individual contribution might by itself?