Why corporate worship together?

1) The bible models it over and over again. Hard pressed to find services where children and teens aren't present. Jehoshaphat assembly, Moses, Ezra, all festivals, feeding of the 5000. There is something about the model of corporate faith that God designs to be together...

2) Unity and the Body... Blessing that comes from unity... His heart for us... "Let them be one like we are one". Ephesians 4 "attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ". Be who we are supposed to be.

3) Most effective faith transmission tool.... Think about a new believer... Would we isolate them? Cultural transmission

For so long we have been separated that I think we have become unfamiliar and comfortable. Requires a retraining of our minds, of our congregation and of parents and children.

When it works, it is brilliant.

Stories - me, my son, families coming to faith, older people connecting

For most of us, the prospect is daunting. What is your experience? What are your hope/concerns/questions....At the end of the day what would you need to feel confident in to be able to go back and do something? BRAINSTORM

What I think today will look like....

This session - Approaches, foundations and how to tweak what you already have

Next session - Building from scratch

Last session - Empowering children and young people as part of the body of Christ within services

Don't sit on a question... If it's bugging you, feel free to ask...

Session 1 -

Already talked about this a lot... The four components I feel are most important are...

1) Accessible and welcome to all
2) Fosters deep community between people and generations
3) Enables connection with God side by side
4) Empowers all members of the body of Christ
1 - Accessible and welcome to all

Age is not our main guide... Accessibility and welcoming is... "Do not hinder them"

Verbally framing - what is it... How? You/God/me....no Christianese... TRY....
Brainstorm situations... How verbally frame

Fight the default being adults - Greeting families and children.... Asking yourself how access this... Church surveys, team meetings, membership practices... We exclude a lot...

Think about people who are illiterate or struggle to read... How adjust? We did a follow along for baptism...

Think about height...

Think about new... Totally unfamiliar... Running orders...

Think about family dynamic...

Think about worship - knowing songs, actions, meaning...

Activity – Rewrite some introductions to “frame” theology or practice better

2. Foster deep connection between people and generations

One of the most powerful...

Teach into it for older generation... Story of old people doing knitting club...
Grandparents for younger families... Make older generation Missional

Create opportunities to connect... "Peace" or buddies... Discussion groups or learning from them... It's that connection that brings them back..

Create times to laugh together... In service so powerful... But in delighting in each other, not at each other, does not need to be silly at all.

Empower testimonies and each other's voices.

Without changing structure... How can you make your services more accessible and turning their hearts to each other.... Brainstorm..