

Message: Shipwrecked – Navigating the Rough Waters of Relationships | Toby Slough | June 7, 2020

### ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

Our first worship song was Who You Say I Am (Hillsong Worship) with the lyrics “I am Chosen”. In John 15:16 Jesus states “you did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.”

1. What is the difference between us choosing Jesus or Jesus choosing us?
2. How does it affect the way we live if we truly understand what it means to be chosen?

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### You Belong – You Matter

I Corinthians 12:12-14, 18-21 “Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.” v18-21 “But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.”

Social division is not a 2020 problem but has existed since the days of Jesus. Jesus came to break down those barriers and create a unified body of Christ.

1. What does it mean to be part of a body “not made up of one part but of many?”
2. How can we begin to see diversity as a strength versus a weakness?

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### The Power of Honor

I Corinthians 12:24-26 “But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.”

Honor is one of the most powerful principles of scripture. A god centered relationship is always based on honor. It doesn't start with ourselves (inward focus) but always starts with others (outward focus). God did not instruct us to honor only within the other person is honorable. Honor our parents (Ephesians 6:2), husbands honor your wife (1 Peter 3:7), honor authority (Romans 13:1), honor everyone (1 Peter 2:17)

3. How do you define honor?
4. What does a life that honors others look like?
5. How do we begin to practice living a life of honor toward others when we may not agree with or understand? (Hint: v18 “For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body” It takes the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit!)
6. What does scripture tell us the result of living a life of honor will be?