

## Worship Brainstorming – Addendum February 2019 – Season of Epiphany

Monday, January 21, 2019

### February 24, 2019: “The Greatest Showman” (2017) - Jeff Verry preaching

Inspired by the imagination of P. T. Barnum, The Greatest Showman is an original musical that celebrates the birth of show business & tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation.

#### Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12: 21-27 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup>The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

<sup>14</sup>Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. <sup>19</sup>If they were all one part, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, <sup>24</sup>while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. <sup>26</sup>If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

**Synopsis:** “This Is the Greatest Show (and It’s Here Right in Front of You)!” God is creating the Greatest Show and everyone has a part.

**Felt need:** To find courage to be who we are and live authentically even when others’ expectations are different

**Visuals:** Top hat, cane, trapeze, ringmaster related stuff, and image, right. (<https://www.rollingstone.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/the-greatest-showman-hugh.jpg?crop=900:600&width=440>)



#### Media:

- Opening song, “This Is the Greatest Show. Length: 2:43. With lyrics or singalong version <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vEeEuaSJAtI>

- Film trailer. Length: 2:30.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=1&v=ir9QtXwC9vc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=ir9QtXwC9vc)

**Related info:**

- <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8676/movies-culture-and-faith>
- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/trevin-wax/greatest-showman-captured-american-imagination/>
- <https://jasminpatterson.com/2-powerful-faith-lessons-from-the-greatest-showman/> (cites numerous passages of related scripture)

**Hand-out and related activity:** Vintage “Admit One” circus tickets that say “The Greatest Show” and have room to write on. Invite people to write one of their gifts/talents on the ticket. Pass a top hat to collect the tickets.

**Children’s time:** Kids have to work together as a team with each child acting as a single body part (foot, leg, arm, etc.). The task is to walk a short distance and pick up an object of some kind.

**Music:**

- 9:00 am: #2223 “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”; #2227 “We Are the Body of Christ”; #692 “Creator of the Stars of Night” (too old school???)
- 11:00 am: “If We Are the Body” (Casting Crowns); Can Brad or Michael sing “The Greatest Show” (reprise)?

**Discussion points:**