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Belonging at Beacon: A 2-Part Membership Class

Homework: Asset Mapping

Asset-mapping is a practice of identifying gifts, skills, and resources within a community. Theologically it's grounded in the belief that God provides what we need to do the work God has called us to do. Knowing the gifts, skills, and resources of our members helps our leadership implement Beacon's mission efficiently, effectively, and faithfully.

1. What makes you come alive or feel joy in your day to day life?
Examples: painting; meeting new people; seeing my kids experience new things; feeling like I accomplished most of the things on my to-do list.

2. If you had to guess, what would your "love language"¹ be? Acts of Service, Words of Affirmation, Gifts, Touch, and/or Quality Time?

¹ We are borrowing this term from Gary Chapman's book called "The 5 Love Languages." While it's typically used within romantic or family relationships, naming this can help us understand not only how we like to receive care but also how we like to give care.

3. *In this season of your life, which of the following resources do you want to be in a place to share (even if it might be a challenge)? Which ones do you feel unable to share in this season of life? Write "share" or "unable" in the blanks below. Know that "share" doesn't mean you're automatically signed up to do these things all the time—think of this as a discovery tool and conversation starter. Don't overthink your answers, just go with what comes first.*

_____ **Worship leadership**

_____ **Time** (presence in worship, volunteering)

_____ **Money**

_____ **In-kind professional services**

_____ **Strategic thinking & visioning**

_____ **Prayer for Beacon**

_____ **Hospitality** (greeting newcomers, bringing a dish to community dinners)

_____ **Beacon Ambassador to the Neighborhood** (attending civic association meetings, participating in events where Beacon is introducing itself to new neighbors)

4. As you consider becoming a member of Beacon, what are you hoping to experience as a result of being involved at Beacon?
(Examples might be: I want to grow in my faith and my relationship with God; I want to connect with other followers of Jesus and be a part of a community; I want to learn more about the Bible; I want to figure out what God is calling me to do and then go do it; I want to be able to share my faith story more easily and comfortably.)