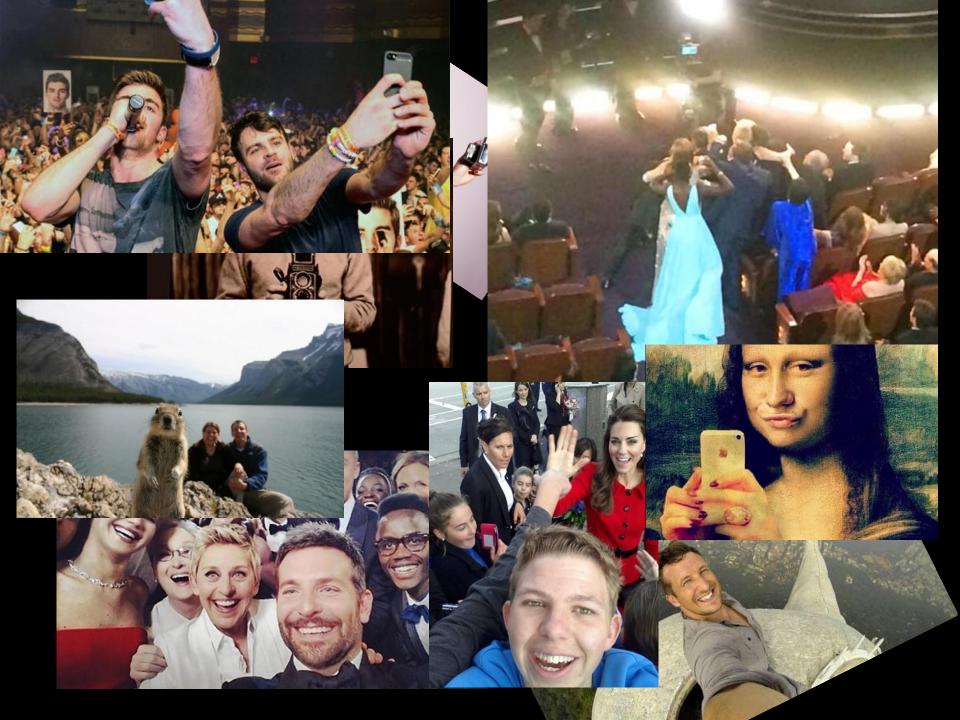
## Serving all our communities

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What is this?

### Selfie Stick



We live in a generally selfobsessed culture, which considers its rights and its comforts to be more important than everybody else's

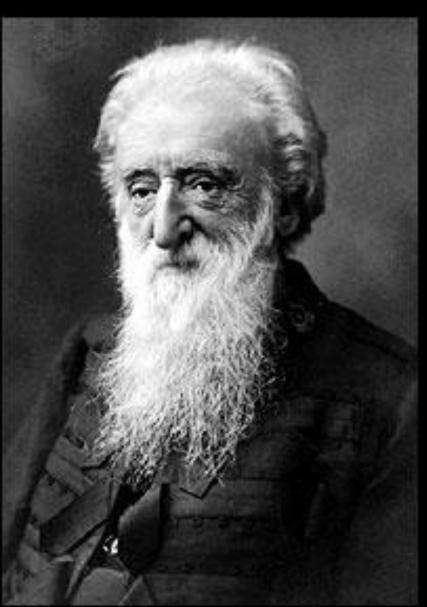
Our Christian Faith can become an exercise in self-realisation.

Our message almost becomes a psychotherapy

"Jesus can make you feel good about yourself"

'The church is the only institution that exists primarily for the benefit of those who are not its members' (William Temple)

## William Booth (1829-1912)



# Others

### 3 Questions

Why do we serve?

Who do we serve?

How do we serve?

### Why do we serve?

- God is a serving God (Gen 1:29-30)
- God is in loving and serving relationship within the Trinity (John 17:1)
- We are made in the divine image (Gen 1:27-28)
- We are told to look to the good of others not ourselves. Others' interests more important than our own (Phil 2:4).
- Jesus served his disciples (John 13:14)

#### Who do we serve?

- Who are we responsible for?
- James 1:27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.
- Our Brothers and sisters
- Matthew 25:31-46 Hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, in prison

#### How do we serve?

 Get into groups or two or three OR think on your own if are not comfortable

Talk about where you are serving already

How you can do this better

# Servant king

So let us learn how to serve

And in our hearts enthrone Him

Each others needs to prefer

For it is Christ we're serving