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And eighth, now we're getting to the deeper parts of belonging. We were made for relationships. You know that.

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Which takes us to number nine. The individuals and the families that we spoke with said they come to feel needed when the people in their congregation see them as bringing gifts and talents that benefit the whole community and are central to its thriving. This is ministry not to people with disabilities, but ministry by people with disabilities. And it recognizes, I think it's a reflection like anyone else that they are indispensable members of the Body. Because as those relationships start to form, that's when we start to see our need for one another. And a lot of times, churches sort of begin stepping into this as a ministry to people with disabilities, thinking what they are going to bring into people's lives.