

Sermon Series: "Oneness of Purpose" – 2020 HCHB Theme

Message Summary: Advertisers know that a trim and beautiful physique helps sell products. Think of what that means in a spiritual sense. Can a spiritually fit and beautifully functioning local church attract people to Christ? Jesus said that He would build His church. So do we have *any* part in that? Since Apostle Paul compared the church to a physical body, is there anything that individual members can do to help beautify it? Let's look at four principles that will help us do exactly that.

The Church – A Beautiful Body

1 Corinthians 12:3-22

- 1. Recognize Variety in the Body (vv. 4-11)**
- 2. Emphasize Unity in the Body (vv. 11-13)**
- 3. Maximize Equality in the Body (vv. 15-20)**
- 4. Minimize Self-Sufficiency in the Body (vv. 21-22)**

LifeGroup Questions:

BEGIN IT – (5min) Sing praise to the Lord & pray that God leads the study.

OPEN IT- (10min) When have you felt insignificant in an organization?

EXPLORE IT- (60min) Read 1 Corinthians 12:3-22 and review Sunday's sermon outline together and add addition notes people made about the message.

1. Do you have a penchant to want people in your life to be just like you or do you enjoy the differences you discover in individuals? Why?
2. Why should not all Christians perform the same function in the church?
3. When you hear of a need at church--how do respond? Is your first thought, "That's someone else's job--somebody should do something about that?"
4. How do you communicate your needs to other people in your LifeGroup?
5. What has God appointed you to be in the body of Christ?

APPLY IT- (15min) How can you improve your relationships at church?