



PART 12: CAPITAL C CHURCH

Sermon Notes

Text: Colossians 4:7-18

Intro:

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The Capital “C” Church is the collective people of God both locally and globally.

1. The Church is Made up of Real People

We are imperfect but God chooses to work through us for His glory.

“For He seems to do nothing of Himself which He can possibly delegate to His creatures. He commands us to do slowly and blunderingly what He could do perfectly and in the twinkling of an eye. He allows us to neglect what He would have us do, or to fail. Perhaps we do not fully realize the problem, so to call it, of enabling finite free wills to coexist with Omnipotence . . . This is how (no light matter) God makes something — indeed, makes gods — out of nothing.”

C.S. Lewis

2. The Church Cares Deeply

The Church is the family of God and we need to care for one another on more than a surface level

3. The Church Can Get Messy

Because the church is filled with imperfect people conflict is inevitable.

Christians help each other through the “mess of life”.

4. The Church Is Unified in Diversity

No such thing as a “cookie cutter Christian”.

1 Corinthians 12 reminds us that it is our diversity that makes the Church the Body.

The same Spirit is in every believer and brings unity.

Conclusion: Be Rooted

Colossians 2:7

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. How does understanding the Church as the collective people of God and not a building affect our lives?

Study & Discussion:

2. Read Colossians 4:7-18. Talk about the themes of caring, mess and diversity in this passage. Do you see any parallels to the Church today? Our local church?
3. Read John 15:1-17 and Ephesians 1:22-23. What do these passages tell us about being the Church? About being connected to the Head?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31. What does this passage tell us about being the Church? About being connected to the Body?

Application:

1. What is one take away from the entire *Rooted* series that is going to stay with you?

Prayer:

1. Pray for each other that you would be rooted and grounded in Christ and that he would empower us by his Spirit to be the Church
2. Other Requests
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