

Connected

“The Master’s Design... It’s His Plan And He’s Sticking To It!”

It’s a beautiful thing when a plan comes together!

God is a master designer... He has a plan for something He’s building called the Church! Matthew 16:18

A look at His plan for the Church... It was...

- Pre-designed before the world was created..Ephesians 1:1-5, 9-12
- Purchased with the blood of Jesus. Eph. 1:6-7; 2:13
- Created when Jesus reconciled us to God and one another. Ephesians 2:13-18
- A great mystery, revealed in our time period of human history. Eph. 3:1-11

A look at His pictures of the Church...

- God’s Citizens. Eph. 2:19; Hebrews 11:13-16
- God’s Family. Ephesians 2:19
- God’s Building. Eph. 2:20-22; I Peter 2:4-5
- Christ’s Body. Ephesians 1:20-23

A look at the implications of God’s Master Design...

- Sin separates us from God and each other but Jesus brings us together!
- The common denominator in all the pictures God gives us of His Church... it is an interactive community!
- There is no room for rugged individualism and isolation in God’s Church. Romans 12:3-5
 - God does see us as individuals He loves. (unlike the Borg!)
 - God assimilates individuals into relationship with Himself and with fellow believers.
- We are many members, yet one Body. I Corinthians 12:12-14, 19-20, 27
- God strategically places us in the Body according to His Purpose. I Corinthians 12:15-18
- God made us an interdependent, highly relational Body! I Corinthians 12:21-26

Our call as a member of the Body of Christ... Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-13

How does this all happen?

- Not usually in our corporate gatherings for worship!
- In smaller group settings- **Life Groups... *Doing Life Together!***