

NewSpring Church Groups Study Guide

Beautiful — Week 7 — The Perception Principle

The Bible says that Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her (Ephesians 5:25). The Church is described as pure, Holy, radiant, without spot, or wrinkle, and the Bride of Christ. Jesus loves us so much! His profound love for us should motivate us to honor him and to serve each other.

- What makes the church beautiful? (Matthew 16:18) Why do you think the Church has continued for two thousand years despite all the bad stuff that has happened in it and through it?
- Why is it wrong to think of Church as a building we go to on Sundays? (Romans 12:5, 1 Corinthians 12:27) How should our view of what the Church is affect the way we act during the week?
- Many people say, “I believe in Jesus, I just don’t need the church?” Is it possible for someone to love Jesus and not love His Church? Why is Church important to the believer?
- What are some tangible expressions of love for Christ’s body, the Church?
- How does serving at NewSpring as a volunteer show your love for Jesus?

If we believe that the Church is established by Jesus and that life-change happens through the Church our conversations with people non-believers should be bold and our acts of love toward them even bolder. As the member of the Church, what are you doing to advance the Kingdom and God?