## THE BEAUTY OF THE CHURCH

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## REVIEW LAST WEEK'S NEXT STEPS

What, if any, next step did you commit to last week, how did it go?
$\square \quad$ I will begin to pray for unchurched people where I live.
$\square \quad$ I will invest in people far from God.
$\square \quad$ I will be intentional about inviting people to Blue Oaks.
$\square$ I will serve someone who is far from God this week.
$\square \quad$ I will not let fear prevent me from inviting people to church.

## THIS WEEK'S SERMON RECAP

In this message Matt looks at the beauty of the church, particularly Blue Oaks Church, and why it matters.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do YOU define a church?
2. Let's answer some of Pastor Matt's questions from his sermon:

How does the church keep going?
How powerful is the church? Explain
How do you feel the church has changed the world?
3. Matthew $23: 28$ says: On the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness. How does this verse make you feel?
4. What brings you to church on Sundays?
5. How are you continuing to build Jesus' church?

## NEXT STEPS FOR THIS WEEK (COMMIT TO GROW)

$\square \quad$ I will be an agent of love where I work, live and shop.
$\square$ I will engage in spiritual conversations with people who are far from God.
$\square$ I will extend invitations, believing anyone and everyone can be a part of the church.

- I will come to church as I am, brokenness and all.
$\square \quad$ I will trust Jesus to do his work of cleaning up my life.
$\square$ I will live like I believe that with God all things are possible.


## SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Matthew 16:17-18
- Luke 20:21
- Luke 15:2
- Galatians 3:28
- Luke 18:19
- Matthew 23:28
- Matthew 19:26


## Prayer Request(s)

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