



State Of The Church

February 13th & 14th

Speaker: Dr. Mark Batterson

Scripture: Ephesians 2:14

Message Overview

The church ought to be the most CREATIVE place on the planet. The church ought to be the most DIVERSE place on the planet. Those two things are not unrelated. In fact, you can't have one without the other. Unity does NOT mean uniformity! Unity is CORPORATE HUMILITY. Maturity does NOT mean conformity. Maturity is UNITY in DIVERSITY. Then, and only then, can we become the BELOVED COMMUNITY God has destined us to be.

Message-Specific Discussion Questions

As you review *NCC's Annual Praise Report* (ncc.re/2020), what surprises you? What excites you the most? **What number, name, and story were you directly a part of impacting?**

Read Ephesians 2:14. **What are some ways that we can be like Jesus and exemplify peace and unity unto today's generation?**

Spend some time making your game plan for Lent. **How can you leverage lent for spiritual growth this year?** Who can you invite within the process alongside you?

Pastor Mark referenced Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s quote, "Our goal is to create a beloved community. This will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives." **What does a beloved community look like to you?**

Practical Application

- Climb the stairs to the [Upper Zoom](#) each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:14am. We'll come together as a community to start our days in His presence together, listening intently, and responding in prayer. **Register at ncc.re/UpperZoom.**

- If you're not already connected to a group, now's the perfect time. NCC Groups Spring Semester launches this week, and all of our groups are available to browse on our website at ncc.re/groups. Find a group today!