

Cornerstone Community Church's Purpose Statement Grow Sermon

CCC's Purpose Statement

CCC is committed to helping one other to:

- **discover** who God is and what He has done for us (Isaiah 40; Eph. 1:17-20, 3:14-19; Col. 1:15-23)
- **grow** into Christlikeness (Rom. 8:28-30; Col. 1:27-29, 3:1-17, Phil. 1:6, Gal. 4:19; 1 John 2:28-3:3)
- **engage** a broken world with the hope of the Gospel. (Matt.5:13-16, 28:18-20; Rom. 13:8-10; 1 Pet. 3:14-17;)

With the end result that *God is glorified* in all that we do.
(1 Cor. 10:31, Rom. 11:36)

Grow Into Christlikeness

Why should we want to grow into Christlikeness

- It is the reason God saved you
Romans 8:28-29
- Foundational Scripture:
Col 1:27-29; Gal 4:19

What does Christlikeness look like?

- It is all consuming, our entire lives are to be affected
- Fruit of the Spirit
Gal. 5:16, 22-26
- Increase in Holiness
Matthew 5:48
1 Peter 1:14-16
- Serving One another.
Matt. 20:25-28

How do we become Christlike

Engaging God in the Scriptures 2 Tim 3:14-17

Engaging His People in Community

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Digging Deeper Study

The 2nd stage of our purpose statement is Growing into Christlikeness. Let's discuss the *Why*, *What*, and *How*.

1. Why should this be our goal? Tony stated that this is the reason that God saved you. Read Romans 8:28-30 and discuss what Paul is trying to say about being conformed to Christ's image. What does it mean that Jesus is the "*firstborn among many brethren?*" If you want to go deeper in understanding how our salvation involves being made like Christ, read and discuss Gal. 4:19, Col. 3:5-14 and Eph. 4:17-24.

2. Now let's discuss *what* Christlikeness actually looks like. Ponder the following three areas where we are told to reflect the character of Christ/the Father/the Spirit.

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- Increase in Holiness
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3. Now the rubber meets the road, *how* do we become like our savior? Tony suggested two ways (out of many) that God has ordained to become mature. Discuss each one and ask yourself "how committed am I to these God ordained means?"

- Engaging God in the Scriptures 2 Tim 3:14-17
- Engaging His People in Community Eph 4:14-16.