

Distorted: View of The Church
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I. _____ has a high view of His church.

A. Jesus _____ for His church.

John 10:11

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. (NLT)

B. Jesus has a high view of _____ working together.

John 17:21

I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one - as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. (NLT)

1. Unity with _____.

2. Unity in _____, to spread the gospel.

Revelation 19:6-9

Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a vast crowd or the roar of mighty ocean waves or the crash of loud thunder: "Praise the Lord! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. ⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself. ⁸ She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear." For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God's holy people. ⁹ And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of

the Lamb." And he added, "These are true words that come from God." (NLT)

II. Preparing for a _____ celebration.

Revelation 19:6-9

A. _____.

B. Preparing for the _____.

Ephesians 5:25-27

For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her ²⁶to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. ²⁷He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. (NLT)

1. _____.

2. _____.

C. Preparing for our day of _____.

1. Glorious: _____.

2. _____.

3. _____ free.

4. Without _____.

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Small Group Questions

The COMMUNITY:

1. What quirks have you observed from Pastor Shaun, Pastor Andrew and Pastor Joey when they preach? Do your best impression.

Into the WORD/APPLICATION:

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: blueletterbible.org, desiringgod.org/articles/all, biblos.com, ccel.org, logos.com, connect.ligonier.org, thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology.

1. Read Ephesians 5:25:33.
What does it mean that the church is the Bride of Christ? How does the marriage relationship point to Christ and the Church? What are some ways that your marriage or dating relationship can point to Christ?

2. Read John 17:20-26.
Why is it important that the church live in unity with one another? If unity is so important for the church, are divisions within the church necessary, such as denominations? How can you maintain unity at Coastal with all of the changes we've encountered in the last year?

4. Pastor Shaun said in his sermon that the worship of the church is preparing us for a heavenly celebration. How are you displaying unity, love, and worship in the local church? (See, Revelation 19:6-9).

2. Why did Jesus die for the church? What was the ultimate purpose?