First Baptist Church – Odessa

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"iChurch Series Overview" "iChurch – Doing Church Intentionally – Pt. 1

Matthew 22:37-39 & Selected

A Healthy New Testament Church...

I. Is intentional in the pursuit of Almighty God!

"And He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39

"As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?" Psalm 42:1-2

II. Is intentional about membership and values it highly.

"Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood." Act 20:28

III. Is intentional in the preaching of God's Word.

"Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season, reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching." 2 Timothy 4:2

IV. Is intentional about sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. "And those who were scattered went about preaching the Word." Acts 8:4

V. Is intentional about teaching biblical salvation.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17

VI. Is intentional about the membership being ministers.

"And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:11-12

VII. Is intentional in developing mature disciples of Christ.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Matthew 28:19-20a

VIII. Is intentional about doing community together.

"And all who believed were together and had all things in common." Acts 2:44

IX. Is intentional about giving.

"For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." Mark 12:44

X. Is intentional in its strategy for evangelism.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

XI. Is intentional in its international mission strategy.

See Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8

XII. Is intentional in its worship of the King.

"Worship God." Revelation 22:9