

# Are You UNIQUE?

*What kind of CHURCH are you a part of? FBC Distinctives 2019 Chris Mueller*

## #1 The uniqueness of a LOCAL church seeking Christ's headship

1<sup>st</sup> Do you \_\_\_\_\_ the church?

**Ephesians 3:20-21** Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

**Romans 12:4-5** For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

2<sup>nd</sup> Are you committed to the \_\_\_\_\_ of expositional preaching?

**2 Corinthians 4:2** ...adulterating the word of God.

**2 Timothy 4:2-4** Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

3<sup>rd</sup> Do you embrace biblical \_\_\_\_\_?

**1 Peter 5:1-2** I exhort the elders among you, shepherd the flock of God among you.

**Acts 20:28** Shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

**Titus 1:5** For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would...appoint elders in every city as I directed you.

4<sup>th</sup> Will you pursue the \_\_\_\_\_ of the genuine saint?

**Ephesians 4:11-12** He gave some as...pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.

5<sup>th</sup> Will you obey the command to \_\_\_\_\_?

**Matthew 28:19-20** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

6<sup>th</sup> Are you ready to commit to a local church via \_\_\_\_\_?

**1 Corinthians 12:12-13** For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Will you embrace the many ways the church \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ?

**Baptism** – **1 Corinthians 1:14** *I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius.*

**Communion** – **1 Corinthians 11:24-25** *When He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

**Church discipline** – **Galatians 6:1** *Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.* **Titus 3:10** *Reject a factious man after a first and second warning.*

**Romans 16:17** *Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.* **Matthew 18:15** *If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.*

## #2 The uniqueness of Christian living in LOVE and holiness

### 1<sup>st</sup> Will you take the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ but not take yourself seriously?

**2 Corinthians 5:15** *He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.*

**Galatians 6:3** *For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Will you seek to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ in all things?

**John 14:15** *If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.* **Luke 6:46** *Why do you call Me, "Lord, Lord," and do not do what I say?*

**1 John 2:4** *The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*

**John MacArthur** Even the most conservative churches are teeming with people who, claiming to be born again, live like pagans. Contemporary Christians have been conditioned never to question anyone's salvation. If a person declares he has trust Christ as Savior, no one challenges his testimony, regardless of how inconsistent his life-style may be with God's Word.

**Romans 6:17** *But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart .*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Will you hold your \_\_\_\_\_ with quiet fear and grace toward others?

**Romans 14–15** and **1 Corinthians 8–9**

1<sup>st</sup> *Accept each other* 2<sup>nd</sup> *Do NOT teach others that your preference is BEST* 3<sup>rd</sup> *Keep your preferences to yourself*

**1 Corinthians 7:19** *Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but what matters is the keeping of the commandments of God.*

**Galatians 5:6** *For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.*

**Galatians 6:15** *For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.*

**A – Which distinctive today really \_\_\_\_\_ you?**

**B – Faithfully attending church is not an \_\_\_\_\_**

**Hebrews 10:24-25** *And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*

**C – Stop living by opinion and get equipped to live by \_\_\_\_\_**

**D – Focus on how Christ is seen in our unity and \_\_\_\_\_**

**E – Rejoice in what God has done, and trust Christ for the \_\_\_\_\_**

#### QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Which one of the distinctives listed above do you love the most? Why?
2. Which one of the distinctives listed above do you struggle with most? Why?
3. Are you a member of FBC and if not, why not?
4. Describe how you are making disciples.
5. Is there any area of life where you are not obedient to the Word of God? What steps will you take to become obedient?
6. How can you help men or women who want to play the victim or who are always needy?
7. What preferences do you need be careful not to press on others?

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