



Selected Scriptures
The Mission of First Baptist Church
Sunday, 3/18/18 – Pastor Stuart Fraser

I. Introduction: Jesus said that He would build His church, and that the gates of hades would not prevent it. He is the One who empowers, enables, and enriches His church.

A. The mission of First Baptist Church of Auburn is to: “Equip God’s Family to Share the Hope of Jesus”, in accordance with Jesus’ command to make disciples.

II. The Mission of First Baptist Church.

A. Equip (**Eph 4:12**).

B. God’s Family (**Eph 2:19**).

C. To Share (**Matt 28:19-20**).

D. The Hope (**Rom 5:5**).

E. Jesus (**Eph 1:3**).

III. Conclusion: Our hope is that First Baptist Church will, “Equip God’s Family to Share the Hope of Jesus” in our city, our country, and throughout the world.

Questions About: The Mission of First Baptist Church

1. What is the primary mission of the church? (**Matt 28:19-20**) How does the church go about making disciples? Who is responsible for building the church? (**Matt 16:13-20**)
2. What are you learning that is helping you to become more like Jesus? What does the word “equip” mean in **Eph 4:12**? How are you “broken” and in need of being fixed by God?
3. What community of believers are you a part of that is helping you grow? Which groups are you committed to that will “stimulate [you] toward love and good deeds”? (**Heb 10:24-25**)
4. Who are you trying to reach with the gospel? Which people in your life desperately need to hear about Jesus? How else will they hear if you don’t try to reach them? (**Rom 10:14**)
5. Who or what are you putting your hope in? Is there something other than Jesus that is your hope? Why is it sin to put your hope in someone/thing else?
6. Is Jesus your identity or is someone or something else? Have you forgotten who you are? Do you need to remind yourself of who God says you are? How can He give you purpose?
7. How are you a part of equipping God’s family to share the hope of Jesus? What part do you play in making this a reality at FBC? What can you do to help Jesus’ mission?

Prayer

1. Will you pray and ask God how you can help fulfill Jesus’ mission for His church?
2. Will you pray and ask God how you can serve people at FBC or those in our community?