

Taking Responsibility for Results

Luke 14: 25-35

What is the church's mission?

The mission of the universal church is to _____ God.

Are you satisfied with the local church?

Is it good enough to know you are _____ than the worst ones around?

_____ is not enough, the Lord wants fruit.

What is keeping us from growing?

Are we healthy?

Leaders must take _____

We need repentance for accepting the _____

Most people measure one thing in a church and that is _____.

This sermon was given at the West Texas District Assembly. I was so moved by this message that I decided to do something different today. I did not feel I could reproduce it as it needed to be given so we shall watch it on video. You will be challenged by Dr. Porter's words, and my prayer is that after today we will not be the same individually and as a church. **The next week I will reveal our new plan, goals, and strategy.** Please understand that our goal is not to have the largest church in town, but to better be the church God has called us to be. *We are a place where people can come just as they are and explore what it means to be a Christian, and who and what God wants and desires from them. Renewed Life Church is a place that God has healed from bad past experiences in the church. We are a church where we have seen God heal people's marriages, families, emotions, mental issues, and have also given some a physical touch.*

My desire as pastor is to better serve the Lord, and His people! We need to move from good to Great, our Lord deserves our best effort. Our hurting families, friends, and world deserve our best effort. Please **prayerfully consider your relationship with God** today. Please **carefully consider** not just coming to church, but **being The Church**.