

Title: Our DNA

Text: Acts 2:42-47

Target: The collision of what we preach and what we practice is who we really are!

I. **The Mission of our Church resides in our Mandate:**

- A. Great Commandment: Matthew 22:36-40
 - 1. Love God Supremely
 - 2. Love Others Sacrificially
- B. Great Commission: Matthew 28:17-20

**** (MAKE THIS LOOK REALLY COOL) We (Us is I and I is Us) **CHAMPION** (equip/elevate) every person (yes, you!) to be (not just do) the good news (salvation) of **JESUS** (His representative) in every place (live, work, play).

II. **The Values of our Church reflect our Motives:** Acts 2:42-47

- A. **We Deliver Real Hope:** *“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching...”* (Acts 2:42)
 - 1. Condemnation is not the heart of God.
 - 2. No one is beyond the reach of grace.
 - 3. It’s never too late for a new beginning.
 - 4. It’s ok to not be ok, but it’s not ok to stay that way.
 - 5. Jesus is our Freedom.
- B. **We Build Kingdom Family:** *“...and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”* (Acts 2:42b)
 - 1. Together is always better.
 - 2. Circles matter more than rows.
 - 3. Friends become Family
 - 4. 2am calls are welcomed
- C. **We Celebrate Life Change:** *“And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.”* (Acts 2:43)
 - 1. Repentance Death to Life Stories Matter.
 - 2. Every step of progress is a Victory Lap.
 - 3. *“We are the right fit for the misfit”* (Jeff Wallace)
 - 4. Obedience to the voice of God is liberating.
- D. **We Practice Radical Generosity:** *“And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need”* (Acts 2:45) *...they received their food with glad and generous hearts,”* (Acts 2:46)
 - 1. Blessed people- Bless people.
 - 2. We are stewards of everything.
 - 3. Can’t out give God.
 - 4. Military town USA gets sacrifice.

Takeaway: When the mission and values of a church is clear, and people feel empowered, then the Lord will *“add to their number day by day those who were being saved.”* (Acts 2:47)