FOR THE SERMON PREACHED ON: Sunday, September 26, 2021
TITLE: "DNA: Church Government
PASSAGE: Various Passages
SERIES: DNA: Who We Are, What We Do, Why It Matters

We exist to glorify God through the fulfillment of the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment.
Jesus Christ is the foundation of the church.

1. Our country recently had a federal election. Do you pray for our leaders in government? Why? Why not?

2. Our church government model is "Plural Local Elders." Read Acts 14:23, Acts 20:28, Titus 1:5, and Philippians 1:1. What do you learn about elders in these passages?

3. Our plurality of local elders are Kevin Weeks, Jeff Kendrick, Adam Petersen, Gord Davies and Ken Connell. They are supported by the deacons who are Antal Szabo, Bryan Zietsma, Dan Groen, and Dan Joynt. Please take time to pray for these men.

4. There was a story of the woman who made a decision to not attend her daughter's wedding because of a conflict with the other denomination. Have you ever had thinking like this woman did? What was the situation? What was the outcome? Do you still think this way?

5. Read 1 Peter 5:1-6 and Titus 1:9. What is the role of an elder according to these passages?

6. We are a church of small groups. As a member of a small group, you are in the flock that the elders care for through the flock leaders and small group leaders. Do you see the value of your small group? Do you encourage others that are not in a small group to grow and consider joining a small group? Why? Why not?

7. Read Acts 6:1-4. What is the role of a deacon?

8. Read Ephesians 4:11-16. The purpose of leaders that God has appointed over his church is for his glory and your sanctification. Are you experiencing this sanctification, growing up in every way, into him who is the head, into Christ? Discuss.

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9. Read Titus 1:6-9, 1 Timothy 3:1-7, and 1 Timothy 3:8-13. What are the qualifications of an elder? What are the qualifications of a deacon? Are there any of these qualifications that you would not meet? Why?