



FOR THE SERMON PREACHED ON: Sunday, September 12 and 19, 2021

TITLE: “DNA: Our Mission” and “DNA: Our Pillars”

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. The disciples heard, believed, and obeyed Jesus, resulting in an encounter with Christ where they worshipped Him (Matt 28:16-17). Our church believes in bold proclamation of the Word (2 Tim 4:2). Where and how did you first hear of God’s salvation plan? Who boldly proclaimed the gospel with you?
2. Have you responded to what you’ve heard with belief? Galatians 5:19-24 lists character traits the Spirit produces in a believer and contrasts it with the fleshly desires opposed to the Spirit. Which list better describes you, and does it support or challenge how you initially answered this question?
3. Mission City Bible Church believes in passionate worship (John 4:24). How do you worship God?
4. Do any parts of life feel like they are spiralling out of control? Make a list.
5. What does Matthew 28:18 say about Jesus’s authority over all things? Which is correct, your feelings of lost control or God’s Word? Stop and seek God for the items you listed in question 4.
6. According to Matt 28:19-20 and John 20:21, what is a believer’s purpose?
7. How are you growing as a disciple? Who are you discipling? (Discipleship can happen through mutual friendship, mentor-type relationships, within family relationships, in group Bible studies and more. Biblical discipleship is *intentional*, having an end goal of maturing in the faith for the glory of God.)
8. List three measurable steps you can take this week to grow as a disciple. List two actions you can take to encourage another believer in their growth. Ask someone to hold you accountable for these steps and actions.

Check all the statements that are *generally* true statements about you.

- I believe my relationship with God is private.
- God can use my gifts and experiences to serve the family of God.
- I thrive in isolation, and therefore, I don’t need to connect with the family of God.
- I don’t understand how God has designed the church to function and need someone to explain it.
- I come to church with strong preferences and expect them to be met.
- I come to church primarily to receive encouragement for the week.
- I am not at a place where I feel the freedom to invite someone to speak truth in my life, but I want to get there.
- I feel more like a spectator than a participant at church.
- I come to church for the attendance checkmark.
- I come to church thinking of how I can encourage others and glorify God.
- I understand that I need to invest in the family of God, but I don’t know what my next steps should be.

Who will you talk with about the above responses? (Your small group is a great place to start!)