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**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 outgive 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)