

I ❤️ HERITAGE

DNA = Teaching & Fellowship & Breaking Bread

ICE BREAKERS

- What is your heart for your family?
Do you ever share it with them?

NOTE: I LOVE Heritage! But my heart for Heritage is to be a true New Testament church that is pleasing to God. I believe my heart is just reflecting God's heart for Heritage. The Book of Acts gives us a glimpse into what a healthy church looks like!

- What is DNA? Do all living organisms have it?

NOTE: DNA is the building block of life.

- Does the early church have a certain DNA that we can apply here at Heritage? How about to our personal lives?



READ Colossians 3:1

¹Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

- What does "raised with Christ" mean?

READ Acts 1:14

¹⁴They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

- Were these followers of Christ saved?

Building Block #1 (DNA) is SALVATION

- Are you leading people to Jesus?
- When's the last time you led someone to Him?



NOTE: The church must be about salvation!

READ Acts 2:41

⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

- What happened here?

Building Block #2 (DNA) is SANCTIFICATION

READ Acts 2:4

⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



- What happened here?
- Why do we need to be "infilled"?

READ 1 Thessalonians 4:3

³It is God's will that you should be sanctified:...

- Is sanctification (infilling) important to God?

READ Acts 2:42

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

- What does it mean to be "devoted"?
- What in your life are you devoted to?

NOTE: Devotion can mean "consistently, continually faithful to"

- What were the early believers devoted to in verse 42?

Building Block #3 (DNA) is TEACHING

- Devoted to the "Apostles teaching."
What does this mean?
- Are you devoted to being taught?
- Are you devoted to teaching others?
- Are you teachable?



NOTE: The early believers taught (Apostles teaching) Jesus came, Jesus died, Jesus resurrected, and Jesus can change you! (Save & sanctify you).

- Do you teach these concepts to others?

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Building Block #4 (DNA) is FELLOWSHIP

NOTE: "Kononia" (Greek word for fellowship) means friendship, partnership, to share common interests.



- Can you fellowship with a non-believer? Why or why not?
- Can you fellowship with a believer who is equally yoked with you?

TWO THINGS FELLOWSHIP REQUIRES

1. TIME.

- Do you make "time" to spend with believers?
- Do you make "time" to spend with God?
- Do deep relationships require us to spend time developing them?



- What happens to relationships where time is not spent developing them?

2. COMMUNION.

- Do you commune with God?
- Do you commune with others?
- Why do you need to fellowship?
- Can you stay connected to God or others without fellowship?
- Can you stay focused on God and others without fellowship?



Building Block #5 (DNA) is BREAKING

OF BREAD

- Why is this an important building block of the church? Is it really that important?



NOTE: "Lord's Supper", Eucharist, Communion are all names to describe a special time where we eat the bread and drink the juice to reflect on the wonderful sacrifice Jesus made for us.

IT IS IMPORTANT!

- Can you partake in communion too much?
- What does it do for the body of believers (The Church)?



APPLICATION

- Take a few minutes as a group to reflect on what Jesus did for each of you?
- Recall when He SAVED you. SANCTIFIED you. TAUGHT you.
- Recall the last time you shared Jesus with someone.
- Think of the fellowship you just had today with this group & God.
- Does your group possess these 5 building blocks (DNA)?
- If not, what do you need to do to change this?

Sharing **Jesus**
this is life

