

DNA - WEEK 1 (04/19/20)

REWIND

Deoxyribonucleic Acid is “a self-replicating material which is present in nearly all living organisms as the main constituent of chromosomes. It is the center of genetic information”. I don’t claim to be a biologist or an expert in DNA, however, I think the concept of DNA shaping the existence of a living organism is true. So, does the local church have a DNA? What is it? How does it look? How does it behave? Does God care about the makeup of His church? We all have preconceived ideas about what the Church is and is not. Some people grew up in it and believe they know exactly what the Church should be or should not be. Some people have never grown up in the DNA of any church and believe they know exactly what the Church should be or should not be. Let’s take an exploration together to discover what God’s view of the Church’s DNA!

RETHINK

1. What do you think are some of the core components of the local Church?
2. How do these core components shape what we believe and how we behave?
3. If Ekklesia means “to be called out”, what does that actually look like in real life?
4. How does a church behave if they believe the church is a building?
A denomination? A social club?
5. How does the church behave if they believe the church is a body? A living organism? A family?
6. Read the following scriptures together and discuss the implications. I Corinthians 1:10 :: Ephesians 4:5 :: 1 Peter 2:9 :: Romans 12:5 :: John 15:5 :: Romans 8:16-17
7. What are some practical ways your church community can put these metaphors into practice to make a difference in this world?
8. Share some practical examples of how you have already seen Grit.Church practice what it means to be a body, living organism and a family.

RESPOND

To the best of your ability as a group, have each person in your group share their contributions to the church. If it helps, how do your gifts and strengths contribute to your family?

As a group, what did you learn from this exercise?

RELATE

As a group, memorize John 15:5 together.