

“DNA: Community”

1. Read John 17:20–23 and Acts 5:12–16. In these passages, what qualities of God’s people were attractions to outsiders? When the church is being what it ought to be, what do you think might be other attractions for outsiders?

Conversely, unhealthy churches can repel others. What are some church defects that you think might drive others away?

2. Read Romans 12:3–8. In this passage, Paul seems primarily to have in mind the responsibilities believers have to one another (“each member belongs to all the others” verse 5). However, in what ways might the gifts mentioned in verses 6–8 help to bring others to faith in Christ?

Can you think of other spiritual gifts, not usually associated with evangelism, that can play a part in attracting and leading someone to faith?

3. What part did a community of believers play in your own salvation story?

Recurring Questions

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?
- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?