

## Serving One Another for the Common Good

### Binding in Base Pairs

DNA is the genetic code that helps our cells to develop and reproduce in a planned way. Because of which it is called the 'Blueprint of Life'. DNA is made up of four nucleotides. These molecules, which are made of a phosphate group, a sugar ring, and a nitrogen base, are Adenine (A), Thymine (T), Guanine (G), and Cytosine (C).<sup>1</sup>

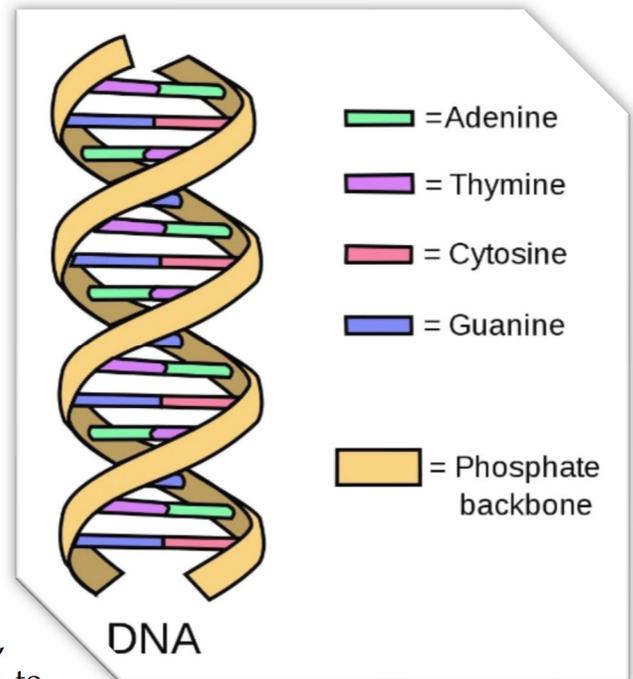
DNA is made of two strands. These strands have nucleotides lined up one after the other and those nucleotides are bound to the nucleotides on the other strand to create a ladder-like structure! Now the binding between nucleotides is very specific via Hydrogen Bonds. A will bind to T and C will bind to G. These nucleotides bind to each other and are called **Base pairs**. So there we have it. A seemingly never-ending ladder made of nucleotides pairing up with each other. But there is one more change, take that ladder and twist it! That's it, our DNA looks like a simple double helix with specific nucleotide binding. Easy, right?<sup>2</sup>

Unless you have a degree in biology this analogy of DNA may sound anything but easy. And often, many people feel the same way when it comes to understanding where they fit into the body of Christ.

Over these past few weeks we have explored core components of Waukesha Bible Church vital to who we are as a fellowship, what we value, and how we function. Understanding our Theological DNA is crucial to everything that takes place within this body. Therefore, in order to "develop and reproduce in a planned way" one must understand the gospel and its far-reaching implications, which speaks directly to our purpose (why we exist and how we operate). Thoroughly convinced that Jesus is the gospel and His reign is one of grace, we see Jesus as the axis that holds everything together.

### BASIC IDEAS:

1. Seeing the big picture and how each part connects to the larger narrative.
2. Understanding our Equipping Process.
3. Considering ways to serve within this body in areas of strength and gifting.



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Spiritual gifting or grace gifts are a consequence of the Jesus Seed that produces gospel fruit in the lives of believers for the benefit of the entire body. We saw from the biblical text the purpose of these gifts and how they function in us and through us to those around us for the common good. With this foundation of who we are and how we function, our desire is to help each individual discover where they can serve within this body in areas of strength and competency.

Like nucleotides binding in “base pairs” and creating a “bond” in this “seemingly never-ending ladder” of the double helix, our attempt in this short course within this equipping process is to help individuals connect to areas of ministry that lend to their strengths. As one serves in areas of competency, gifting, and strength, we trust that strong bonds will be created with ministry coordinators, co-laborers, and those within this body being served.

Before we take some next steps in discovering where each one of you might consider serving within this body, let’s first zoom out to see the big picture of life and ministry at WBC and how we function as a fellowship.

## SEEING THE BIG PICTURE

### WHY GOD’S VISION IS OUR VISION

All of Scripture is telling a single *Story* from Genesis through Revelation – a story that revolves around the person and work of Jesus. This story is of the God who creates mankind as His image-bearers for the purpose of knowing and experiencing the joy that He has within Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. From the very beginning the intent of this relationship of knowing and enjoying God was to be the common experience of all mankind. The expectation to fill the earth with image-bearers who would rule and reign over creation enjoying their Creator was to be normative (Gen. 1:28). Although the image was marred when God’s offer of intimacy was rejected (Gen. 3), God’s vision continued. Through promise (Gen. 3:15) and picture (Gen. 3:21) God’s plan to rescue His fallen image-bearers would be enacted, and throughout the storyline His vision would continually be revealed (Isa. 11:4; Hab. 2:14) until it would finally be realized through Jesus Christ. As all of creation awaits the final unveiling of Jesus when the vision will be forever the present reality, those image-bearers who know and enjoy Him ever live to see this vision become reality for the nations.



**KEY TEXT:** *They will not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:9)*

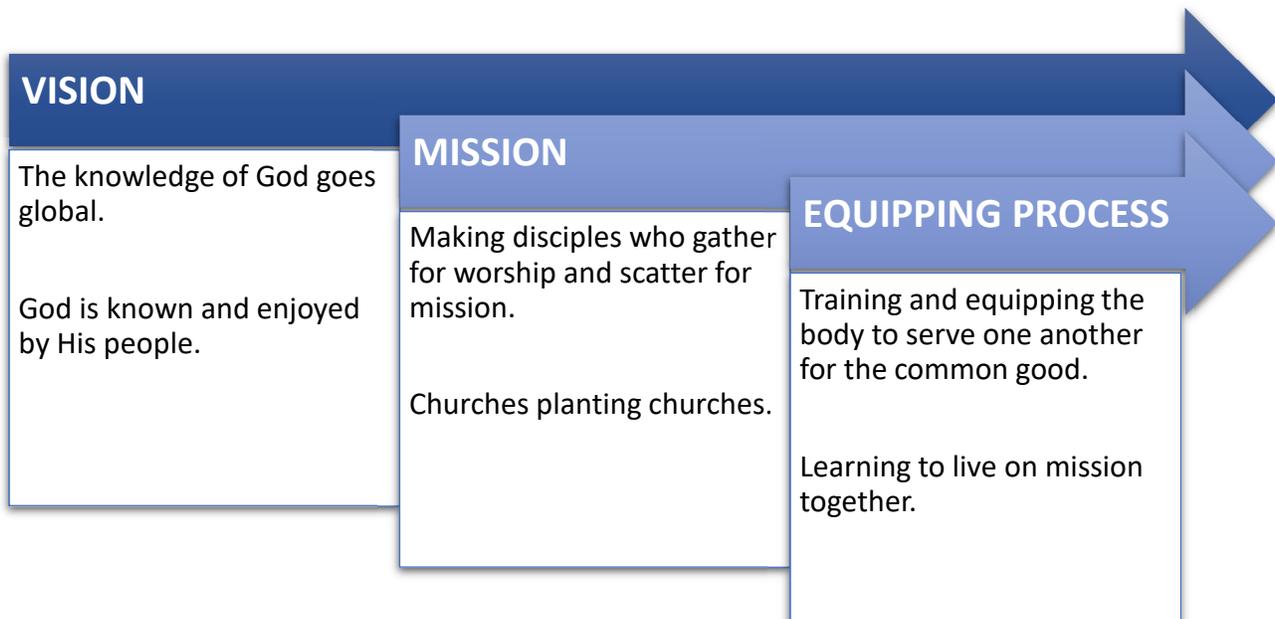
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## WHY GOD'S MISSION IS OUR MISSION

As image-bearers of God, we are privileged to be part of His *Story*. Through the text of Scripture we have come to know and believe what God declares to be His vision for all image-bearers, therefore His vision has become our vision. Likewise, we believe the Scripture to reveal His mission for accomplishing His vision. What God the Father promised in Genesis 3:15, God the Son fulfilled through is incarnation, sinless life, substitutionary death, and glorious resurrection – the gospel. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was the fulfillment of the blood picture given in Genesis 3:21. The innocent died for the guilty and through this substitutionary atonement God would rescue and redeem His fallen image-bearers. This gospel – good news – must fill the earth as the waters cover the sea, but what is the means by which God has chosen to carry out this message? How will His mission be accomplished? Shockingly, it is through securing a people for Himself who respond to His grace through faith – *the church*. These followers of Jesus were entrusted with the mission to make disciples who would make disciples of all nations.



**KEY TEXT:** *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:18-20)*



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## EQUIPPING PROCESS | LIVING THE MISSION

### **DISCOVER 101 | DISCOVER. DEEPEN. DEVELOP. DEPLOY.**

Discover 101 is a 4-week course that allows individuals to discover *who we are* as a fellowship (Hebrews 10:19-25). This course covers the basics in what we believe and how individuals can begin serving within our body in areas of strength, gifting, and competency.

#### **Purpose:**

- To train and equip our church body to know the basics of what we believe and teach for the purpose of alignment and consistency in every area of life and ministry at Waukesha Bible Church.
- To help individuals discover how they can begin serving within this church body in areas of strength, gifting, and competency.
- To serve as the introductory material for those who desire to covenant with us in church membership.

### **DEEPEN 201 | DISCOVER. DEEPEN. DEVELOP. DEPLOY.**

Deepen 201 is a 14-week course highlighting *what we teach* theologically when it comes to the gospel of grace and its implications (Ephesians 4:11-16). This is a condensed version of our *Reigning Grace* theology that constantly reminds us why Jesus is not only necessary, but enough.

This course takes an in-depth look at how our identity in Christ changes everything. Throughout these lessons you will deepen your understanding of the gospel of grace and grow in greater appreciation for who Jesus is, what He has done, and how He continues to work in us, and through us, to those around us.

#### **Purpose:**

- To train and equip our church body to know what we believe and teach concerning the gospel of Jesus Christ and the implications of the gospel in the lives of Christ's followers.
- To train and equip those who serve within our fellowship to teach and counsel others in a manner consistent with our theological distinctive.

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## DEVELOP 301 | DISCOVER. DEEPEN. DEVELOP. DEPLOY.

Develop 301 is an ongoing process by which we continue to equip those serving within our fellowship. *When we train* takes place as we live and serve throughout the normal course of life and ministry, and therefore, is not limited to a course or class. Ongoing ministry training and development is as varied as the ministries and individuals who serve in them. Elders and ministry leaders are constantly investing in those serving to ensure that each one's gifts are being used to serve one another as good stewards of God's grace (1 Peter 4:1-11).

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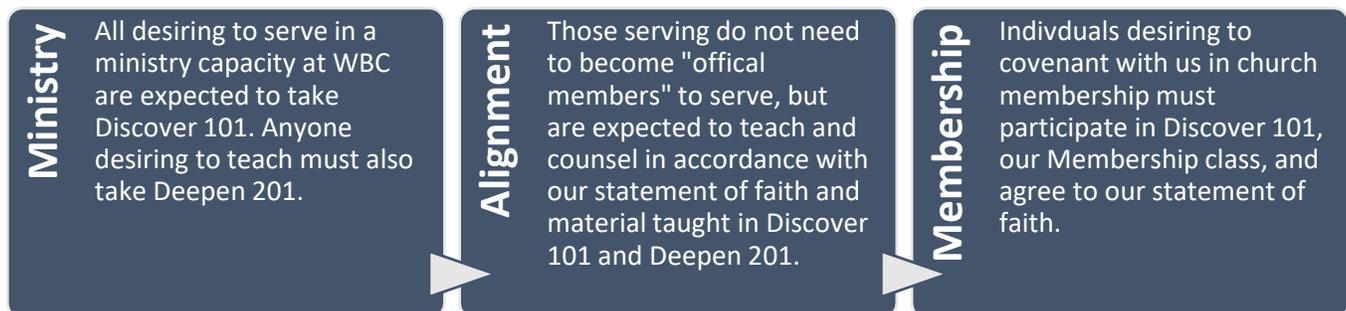
- To assist in the ongoing development of those serving to ensure that the body is built up and edified.
- To promote service in areas of one's gifts and strengths, provide for healthy relationships and serving conditions, and to protect from ministry burnout.
- To communicate clearly, build community, maintain consistency in our teaching/counseling, and develop competency within those serving.

## DEPLOY 401 | DISCOVER. DEEPEN. DEVELOP. DEPLOY.

Deploy 401 is our internal process for training and developing pastors/church planters to take the message of the gospel to those in need locally, nationally, and globally. Our primary emphasis is to equip teams to pastor existing churches or plant new churches that bear our "Theological DNA." *Where we go* depends largely on the strengths and gifting of those being trained, as well as, strategic networking with other churches.

### Purpose:

- To train and equip teams of people to plant local churches or pastor existing churches.
- To strengthen existing churches through networking and dissemination of relevant theological literature and materials.
- To develop strong partnerships with other churches in order to be more strategic in the planting of healthy churches.





## C4 TRAINING INVESTING IN OTHERS

### COMMUNICATION | COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR TEAM

- **What should I be communicating to my team?**
  - What current information do they need to be aware of?
  - What expectations need to be communicated? (Can't afford to assume)
- **How can I keep what I'm communicating before my team in tangible ways?**
  - Consider the best form(s) of communication for each individual team member.
  - Utilize a variety of methods to communicate the same message/information.
- **Evaluating team communication:**
  - Is the message communicated the one received?
  - Don't talk down to them. The goal is to strengthen and build the body.
  - Ask thoughtful, intentional questions.
  - Develop the skill of learning to listen.
  - Be available, approachable, and teachable.

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### COMMUNITY | SERVE YOUR TEAM

- **Know your ministry team.** [This takes time and intentionality]
  - Who is serving in the various ministries in which I am responsible for?
  - Do I have all their current contact information?
  - Be developing a relationship with them that is more than ministry related. Their personal lives (family, work, health, etc.) will factor into how they serve in their ministry area.
  - Is each team member getting healthy breaks from this particular ministry?
  - Do they feel appreciated and valued in this role? (Why or why not?)
- **Serve your ministry team.**
  - You are in this role as leader for this purpose of serving (Luke 9:46-48; 22:24-27)
  - Serving your team begins with knowing your team. Connect with them intentionally both inside and outside regularly scheduled services.
  - Pray *for* them and *with* them regularly.
  - Make sure they have the tools and resources needed to serve successfully & joyfully.

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## CONSISTENCY | TRAIN YOUR TEAM

- **Make sure that every ministry volunteer is taking . . .**
  - Discover 101 – who we are
  - Deepen 201 – what we teach
  - Develop 301 – when we train
- **Make sure that every ministry volunteer is teaching our “Theological DNA”:**
  - Christ-Exalting | Word-Centered | Grace-Based | Global-Impacting
  - Consistency in our teaching on justification and sanctification – by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone
  - Consistency in our content (what is being taught) and in our context (how it is being applied)

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## COMPETENCY | EQUIP YOUR TEAM

- **Developing your team to minister from the overflow:**
  - How are you developing your team regularly? What will this look like?
  - Developing competency within your team involves combining both knowledge and skill:
    - 1) You must know your team
    - 2) You must be investing in your team
    - 3) You must learn to harness your team’s strengths

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## NEXT STEPS...

- 1) Take time to explore the Ministry Directory to discover the various ministry opportunities at WBC and where you might serve in areas of strength, gifting, and passion.
- 2) Visit our website to submit a ministry volunteer application. Once you submit this form a ministry coordinator will contact you shortly ([waukeshabile.org](http://waukeshabile.org)).
- 3) Consider taking the Membership Course (usually offered following Discover 101).
- 4) Consider taking Deepen 201 next time this course is offered.



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.scienceabc.com/pure-sciences/dna-replication-steps-diagram-where-when-replication-occurs.html>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

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