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What's Our DNA?
A Both/And Church

I. Introduction

- A. Matthew 28:19 (NAS) *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."*
- B. God is Three Persons of One substance!
- C. VCNP Both/And Examples:
1. We are both Evangelical and Charismatic.
 2. We believe in the already and not yet of the Kingdom of God.
 3. Church growth and church planting (and multi-sites)
 4. We are socially progressive and traditionally moral
 5. We believe in strong leadership and releasing leadership

II. Evangelism and Social Action

- A. The Bible teaches Both/And Christianity!
1. Micah 6:8 (NAS) *He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*
 2. Matthew 22:36-38 (NAS) ³⁶*"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"* ³⁷*And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and foremost commandment.*
 3. Matthew 22:39 (NAS) *"The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "*
 4. James 1:27 (NAS) *Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.*

III. The Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan

- A. Luke 15:11-15 (NAS) ¹¹*And He said, "A man had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.' So he divided his wealth between them. ¹³And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living. ¹⁴Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be impoverished. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine."*
1. The prodigal son was a victim of his own sin.
- B. Luke 10:30 (NAS) *Jesus replied and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead."*
1. This man was a victim of the sins of others.
 2. The Bible tells us that there is a personal, moral dimension to poverty.
 3. There are social causes to poverty!
- C. The prodigal son modeled personal sin. The man helped by the good Samaritan modeled social sin.

D. Luke 15:20 (NAS) *"So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him."*

1. God loves people far from Him!

E. Luke 10:33-34 (NAS) ³³ *"But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, ³⁴ and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him."*

1. God loves the least!

F. Some people refuse the call to evangelism.

G. Some people refuse the call to social justice.

H. Rescuing the lost and rescuing the least, is what we're about at the Vineyard!

IV. Conclusion