

# Your Church's DNA Markers

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1. **Leaders' Passions and Priorities**—What are the primary values, gifts, and focuses of your church's pastor(s) and other leaders? What do they believe God is calling your church to become and to accomplish? What do you believe are the essential functions of your church? Are these strengths you could share/teach?
2. **Denomination or Mission-Agency-Partner Priorities**—Have your denominational leaders, mother church, or a mission agency you highly trust identified strategic efforts where your involvement could help lead to significant breakthroughs?
3. **Missionary Priorities**—Are you already connected with missionaries who have a God-sized vision, a goal that is far bigger than their current resources? Could your church contribute in multiple ways to reaching that vision?
4. **Congregational Passions**—Do people in your church have a strong sense of calling to a particular type of ministry or group of people? What does your church community enjoy doing together? Do/Could you make this a method of outreach?
5. **Congregational Expertise**—What gifts and skills has God invested in individuals in your church body? What expertise is untapped?
6. **Congregational Profile**—What decade represents the greatest percentage of your adult congregation—20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70+? What are the unique aspects of this life phase that can be engaged for missions? What languages are spoken by your people? Have some of them studied or worked overseas? Do they travel abroad frequently? If so, where?
7. **Missions Experience**—What ministry experience do individuals in your church have? Have they gone on high-impact missions trips?
8. **Global/Local Connections**—What aspects of your geographic location, your community makeup, or your employment situations create unique global opportunities?
9. **Timeframe**—What about this particular period in your church's history creates unusual opportunities or focuses?

*This list is abbreviated and amended from the DNA analysis section of [Your FOCUS on the World](#).*

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