

**Sermon: A Sending Church.**  
**Series: Church on Mission.**

**Scripture: Acts 11:19-30**  
**Date: September 21, 2025**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about God?**

- a) Mark said, "Our mission begins with God, not us." How does knowing that impact how we approach missions, especially in trying and turbulent times?
- b) Regarding missions, Mark explained that God has already made His will clear; the issue isn't figuring out what we're supposed to do but whether we're actually doing it. In your understanding, what is God's mission for the world? And if God's mission is clear, what obstacles prevent us from fully participating in it right now?

**2. What does this passage teach us about us?**

- a) Mark mentioned that many organizations, including our church, can fall into the danger of mission drift. What could cause our church to drift from its mission of making disciples through planting churches locally and globally, and what might be the effects if we do?
- b) Mark stated, "Persecution does not hinder but empowers the gospel movement of the church." What current persecutions and situations make believers place less importance on missions? Also, share ways you have seen persecution lead to gospel advancement? If Mark's statement is true, how should our church approach sending and supporting global and local missionaries experiencing persecution/challenges?
- c) Mark said, "Every church member has a role to play in missions." How does that influence or shape your view of missions? What beliefs or priorities have led you to accept or ignore your role in God's mission?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

- a) Christ endured the cross because He believed your forgiveness and eternal fellowship with God were worth it. What areas of your life could be filled with cheerfulness or confidence as you sacrificially participate in God's mission or witness the gospel of Christ?

**APPLICATION** Discuss the points that resonate personally with you and indicate why.

- a) We can confidently continue on our mission, knowing Jesus' mission will not fail.
- b) You have a part to play in God's mission because Christ equips and empowers you.
- c) Stewarding our time and resources for the missions is both a sacrifice and a joy because you have everything in Christ, who gave himself for you.

**PRAYER**

- Praise God for giving you the privilege to join in His mission to reach the world.
- Confess the fears, idols, struggles, and distractions that keep you from staying faithful to His mission.
- Thank Jesus for saving us and giving us confidence in God's eternal love—a love that nothing can overcome.
- Ask God for courage and wisdom to participate in the gospel advancement, no matter the challenges.