How Churches Stay On-Mission (Acts 11:19-30)

Unstoppable: A Study of Acts 9-14 Series Discussion Questions

What do many say is the purpose of the church?

- o Read Matt. 28:19-20a. How would you say this in your own words?
- o What stands out to you about Jesus' purpose for his church?
- What is CCCC's purpose statement? What stands out to you about this statement and why?

Yancey spoke about what can happen to churches who suffer mission drift. He mentioned Country Club, Pep Rally, and Funeral Home churches. What are the key characteristics of those off-mission churches?

- o Have you ever been a part of those types of congregations? How so?
- o What do you believe leads churches to suffer mission drift?

Read Acts 11:19-24.

- Summarize what is going on in this passage?
- How do we see the church in Antioch <u>reaching locally</u> to the people around it? Who composed most of the citizens in Antioch?
- Why do missional churches continue to reach locally? What does it look like for CCCC?
- What are spheres of influence? How can they be a good tool for reaching locally as individuals (and even corporately)?

• Read Acts 11:25-26.

- What stands out to you about this passage?
- What about Paul's calling make Barnabas seek after him? What does this tell you about the church's need to <u>disciple internally</u>?
- Why is it not enough for a church just to be about evangelism but neglect the need for discipleship (though it's really all discipleship)?
- How has CCCC tried to disciple internally? Why is small group critical in that strategy? What are other ways CCCC helps disciple internally?

Read Acts 11:27-30.

- How does this demonstrate the on-mission characteristic of contributing externally to the larger church?
- What does an outwardly-focused church look like as opposed to one not committed to assisting the greater church around the nation and globe?
- What is church-planting? Why is it so important to CCC? How has CCCC embraced it?

How does this entire Acts 11:19-30 reinforce our gospel identity as missionaries?