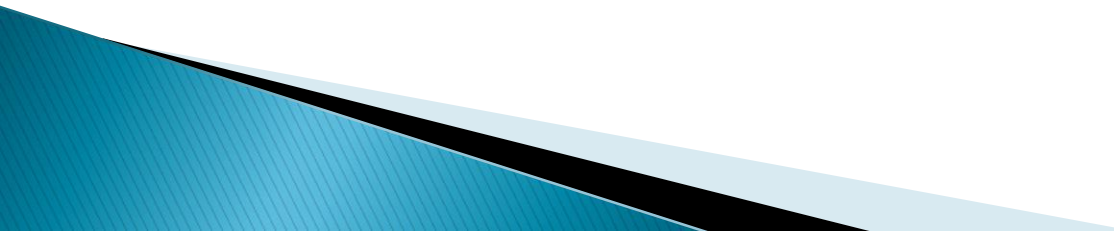


THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH (2)

To the Ends of the Earth

- ▶ *“You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)*
 - ▶ *“Some...went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.” (Acts 11:20)*
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The church in Antioch

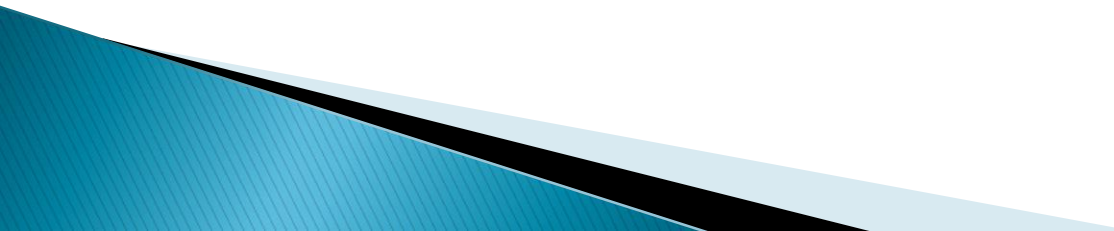
▶ *Acts 11:19–30*

▶ *Acts 13:1–4*


▶ *Acts 14:26–28*


The Antioch church:

- Embraced all peoples (*11:20*)
- Witnessed for Jesus Christ (*11:26*)
- Responded to prophecy (*11:27-30*)
- Was generous and aware of the wider Christian community (*11:29*)
- Was sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit (*13:2*)
- Recognised individual calls and gifting (*13:1-2*)

- Was willing to give away their best
(13:3)
 - Continued to support those they
had sent out *(14:26-28)*
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Following Antioch's example:

- Ready to receive people from all nations, cultures and background
 - Witnessing boldly for Jesus as Christ and Lord
 - Being responsive to prophecy
 - Being generous in response to the needs of fellow Christians across the world
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- Being sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit
 - Recognising different gifts and callings
 - Being willing to release our best to serve the apostolic commission
 - Praying for and encouraging those who have been 'sent out'
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A Church which:

- ▶ **GATHERS**

- ▶ **BUILDS**

- ▶ **SENDS**