

THE CHURCH THAT CHANGES THE WORLD

Part 2 – Whatever it Takes

Acts 11:19-26; 13:1-4

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A WORLD-CHANGING CHURCH:

1. INNOVATIVE DISCIPLE-MAKING

¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.

(Acts 11:19-21)

He [Jesus] said to them,... "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

CHURCH CULTURE APPLICATION:

Be ready to try "new" things

2. COURAGEOUS FAITH

²³ When he [Barnabas] came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. ²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. (Acts 11:23-26a)

CHURCH CULTURE APPLICATION:

Be ready to step out

3. RADICAL IDENTITY

And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians. (Acts 11:26b)

CHURCH CULTURE APPLICATION:

Be ready to speak out and stand out

4. MISSIONAL FOCUS

² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. (Acts 13:2-3)

CHURCH CULTURE APPLICATION:

Be ready to do whatever it takes