

## Sermon Text Discussion Notes 5/12/2019

Acts 11: 19-30; 13:1- 3 "SENT: God's Global Mission through the Local Church

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*Empowered by the Spirit*

### Overview

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This sermon series has observed the connection between the Trinity and global missions. The Father plans, the Son purchases, and this week we learn that the Spirit empowers. The Book of Acts shows how the Gospel spread to the nations with the Gentile church in Antioch being a key launching pad. Three stages are revealed in this text. First, planting a church. Second, strengthening a church by growing it deeper and broader, combining action and words, being unified and diversified, and pursuing local and global missions. Third, multiplying the church. This passage addresses a number of questions:

Who sends missionaries?	The church
Who goes?	Anyone
Where do they go?	Everywhere, to all people groups
What do they do?	Make disciples, plant churches, strengthen churches, multiply churches

### Quotations

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*"Whenever we see people become Christians in the New Testament, we always see them formed into a community. They become a local church. The goal is never to just make individual disciples of Jesus, and have them live their individual lives apart from one another. God's purpose is for us to be knit together into a new community. His purpose is for us to participate in the life of a local church."*

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*"To make disciples and to plant and strengthen multiply churches among all peoples"*

Zionsville Fellowship Global Mission Purpose Statement

### Understanding & Application

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- 1) Jesus commissioned his followers to make disciples of all nations. In the face of this daunting task, what three-pronged strategy did the church employ?
- 2) When the church at Antioch needed strengthening, who was sent to them? Based on Jesus' ministry and the New Testament letters, what do you think these leaders did to build up believers and develop a mature church?
- 3) Strengthening a church means, in part, to help it grow both deeper (instructed to develop theologically and be mature in thinking) and broader (increasing in numbers). How is our church doing in fulfilling both? A church is also strengthened by combining word (speaking the message of salvation) and action (doing acts of compassion to meet needs). How are you doing personally in expressing both? What about our church?
- 4) Have you traveled to another country to serve in the name of Christ? What benefit came to the nationals you served? What did you learn and how are you changed from that experience?
- 5) Hearing from Jesus in Luke 12: 48 that "to whom much is given, much is required", what are you prompted to become or do in regards to global missions?
- 6) Nick Taylor suggested ways individuals and small groups can get involved in global mission efforts. What comes to your mind as an individual, family, or our small group? How can we as a group pray for, encourage, or engage with a missionary associated with ZF?

Sermon Series Title: The Rise and Fall of God's King