

## **A Church For All Peoples**

*Acts 11:19-26*

### **Risk-Taking Has Its Challenges & Benefits!**

The risk to "STAND OUR GROUND" in this community and beyond has its challenges and benefits!

### **God Is Leading Us to Take Another Risk:**

To become a "CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLES" who move forward in faith, hope, and love to reach the surrounding communities of all peoples for Christ!

A "Church for All Peoples" is a multi-generational and multi-ethnic community of fully-devoted followers of Christ.

### **Becoming A Church for All Peoples:**

## **1. A Church For All Peoples Is MISSIONAL!**

*Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. Acts 11:19-20*

*As A Church...*

We must proclaim the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ.

## **2. A Church For All Peoples Is ATTRACTIVE!**

*Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. Acts 11:22-23*

*As A Church...*

We must model the GRACE of God.

### **Two Keys to Becoming a Missional and Attractional Church:**

We need the POWER of God with us and people must see the PERSONALITY of Christ in us.

*And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. Acts 11:21*

*And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. Acts 11:26*

### **Missional and Attractional Goals for Chasing the Vision of Becoming a Church for All Peoples:**

1. REDEFINE our purpose as a church and our process for growing people.
2. RENAME our church for improved attractional and missional significance.
3. RENEW our hearts for seeking after God and living out His mission.
4. RENOVATE our auditorium (including preschool) for enhanced worship by all peoples.

### **Chasing the Vision of Becoming a Church for All Peoples...**

Requires FAITH that moves out into uncertainty and in spite of the challenges.