



Talk Outline - Acts 11v1-30 - Planting 1 - Antioch

**ALL NATIONS
CHURCH**

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- **Acts 10** - God shows no partiality - God made it clear salvation is available to all people (gentiles as well as Jews) - so we should be impartial to our witness to everyone
- **Acts 11v1-18** - situation developed - Peter criticised by Jews for gentile mixing (1-3) - Peter defended (4-18)
- **Acts 11v19-30** - God's impartiality expressed through the founding of the first multi-ethnic Jew-Gentile Church in Antioch - so we should be planting diverse cross-cultural churches today.
- How do we grow a healthy and diverse church today at All Nations?

1. EVANGELISM on the ground (19-20)
2. EMPOWERMENT from above (v21, v23a)
3. ENCOURAGEMENT on the side (22-24)
4. EDUCATION from the front (25-26)

—> Leading to and cultivating a heart of GENEROSITY & UNITY (27-30)

Discussion Questions in Breakouts

- A.** Think about creative ways we can be engaging and doing evangelism in our community during this time in lockdown.
- B.** Why do we need remember EMPOWERMENT comes from the Lord? How does it: i) Keep us from pride; ii) Keep us from discouragement?
- C.** In what ways can we cultivate a culture of encouragement as a church? How do we keep on encouraging one another even when it's hard?
- D.** Why is Bible teaching the heart of what we want to strive for at All Nations? How have you found it has impacted your personal growth?
- E.** In what ways do these 4 principles cultivate unity and generosity?