

“Remaining Faithful to Our Mission, Even in Times of Transition” – Acts 11:19-26

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Acts 11 represents a great transition in the Bible.

- Hub of Christianity *Transitions* from Jerusalem to Antioch
- Chief Apostle (Sr. Pastor) *Transitions* from Peter to Paul
- Church growth *Transitions* from Jews to Gentiles

I. **We Must Prioritize Evangelism** - vs. 1-18

“Churches don’t drift toward evangelism; they drift away from it.” – Charles Roesell

Here’s how:

- A. Love Marginalized People – v.3
- B. Share the Gospel –vs. 14
- C. Experience & Celebrate New Births - v.18

II. **We Must Pull Together** – v.23

- Acts 2:1 - *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*
- Acts 2:46 - *And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their food with gladness and singleness of heart,*

III. **We Must Trust God to Superintend the Work of His Church** – vs. 19-26

- A. God Uses “Anonymous” People in His Kingdom Work vs. 19-20
- B. God Chooses Specific Leaders to Shepherd His Church vs. 22; vss. 25-26
- C. But God’s Work Goes-On, Even When Human Leaders Move-On vs.13:2-4a

