

## Going Next Level

### The First Church for the Unchurched: Next Level Purpose and Passion

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To go to the next level, we need \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>19</sup> Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. **Acts 11:19, NIV**

Even events that we consider \_\_\_\_\_, are used by God to push us out of our \_\_\_\_\_ to advance his kingdom.

<sup>20</sup> Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. **Acts 11:20-21, NIV**

Being a church for unchurched means that I love and care about people who \_\_\_\_\_ look or act \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>22</sup> News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. <sup>24</sup> He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. **Acts 11:22-24, NIV**

<sup>14</sup> For **Christ's love compels us**, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. **2 Corinthians 5:14-15, NIV**

A church for the unchurched is made up of \_\_\_\_\_ for the unchurched whose next level purpose and passion comes from their relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup> and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch. **Acts 11:25-26, NIV**

A church for the unchurched will always have a heart for \_\_\_\_\_.

The goal: \_\_\_\_\_ followers of Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup> One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) <sup>29</sup> The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. <sup>30</sup> This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. **Acts 11:27-30 NIV**

I want to be part of a gathering of Christians that I \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, so I will show mutual support and encouragement to those \_\_\_\_\_ a part of my church.

## MEMORY VERSE

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**My next step:** Compelled by Jesus' love for me, I will step out of my comfort zone. I will make my church and growth group a place that I love to attend and encourage others to join me.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.