

## “Defying Gravity”

Acts 11:1-18 ESV

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### I. THE GRAVITATIONAL PULL OF THE FAMILIAR

#### A. Can't \_\_\_\_\_ If You Choose To \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 28:19** “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”

#### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ Of What Is Safe

**Acts 11:7–8** “And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’”

#### C. We Desire To Avoid \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 11:9** “But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’”

### II. A MISSION THAT STANDS OUT

#### A. Does Life Feel Like \_\_\_\_\_?

**John 20:21–22** Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

**Isaiah 6:8** And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

#### B. Sent As \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Corinthians 5:20** “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

**Acts 10:28** And he said to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.”

#### C. Culturally \_\_\_\_\_ and Counter-Cultural \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Peter 2:11–12** “Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.”

#### THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

**1. Counter-Cultural Living?** Discuss with family and friends this week how you would define Counter-cultural living.

**2. Defying Gravity.** Is your social circle comfortable? Has it been a while since you engaged with someone new? Invite the Holy Spirit to come in and ignite a passion for God’s mission. Pray for eyes to see how we can see the opportunities around us as mission moments.