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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### Making God's Purpose Mine

Acts 11:19-30

- I. Reaching – Using my personal circumstances to further share the gospel (Acts 11:19-21)
  - A. Difficult circumstances create desirable opportunities (19).
  - B. We must reach out to all, not just those most like us (20).
  - C. God is at work when we reach out (21).
  
- II. Building – Focused on helping others grow spiritually (Acts 11:22-26)
  - A. Believers need encouragement in their relationship with the Lord (22-23).
  - B. Encouragers need the Holy Spirit (24a)
  - C. Encouraged believers reach more people (24b).
  - D. Believers must know the scriptures to stay encouraged and keep growing (25-26)
    - Identity: Believers who are growing are known for following Christ (26b).
  
- III. Involving – Jumping in where God can use me to reach and build others (Acts 11:25-30).
  - A. Multiplication Principle: I need to find others to help me do what I do (25; 2 Timothy 2:2).
  - B. Spiritual Opportunity Principle: God expects me to use what He gives me (26-30; 1 Peter 4:10-11).
    - The gift of teaching was needed (26).
    - The gift of prophecy was needed (27-28).
    - The generosity of all was needed (29-30).

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