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Series: "We Speak Jesus"

Sermon: "A Church That Changes the World"

Scripture: Acts 13:1-3

Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 1:15

### Introduction

- A. Acts is the unfolding story of the people of God, filled with the Spirit of God, engaging in the mission of God.
- B. Mission Statement: We exist to glorify God by making disciples through the gospel, in community, on mission.
- C. We want to be a church that changes the world.
- D. Crawford Baptist Church Ministry Goals
  - 1. Make disciples of men, women, and students
  - 2. Equip men, women, and student disciples to be disciple-making disciples
  - 3. Train men to be leaders in their homes, pastors, church planters, and missionaries
  - 4. Plant churches locally, nationally, and internationally
- E. Big Idea: God uses a church that is unified on the Word of God, in its leadership, and in Christ-centered worship.

### I. God Uses a Church That Is Unified on the Word of God (13:1)

- A. The prophets and teachers proclaimed spiritual truth and explained the Scriptures.
- B. Today too many people go to church looking for an experience when what they need is a biblical foundation that gives spiritual truth.
- C. Biblical truth drives our philosophy of ministry.
- D. The Bible tells us the story of redemption—holy God who created everything, humanity separated from God because of sin, a cross where the justice of God is satisfied, and mercy and grace that are found in Christ.
- E. God uses a church built on grace.
- F. 1 Timothy 1:15

### II. God Uses a Church That Is Unified in Its Leadership (13:1b)

- A. These five men proclaimed the truth of Scripture.
- B. Each man was different and useful to the Lord.
- C. These five leaders were a diverse group of men radically unified by the gospel of Christ to further the gospel mission.
- D. The cross kills our pride, our prejudices, and our hang-ups so we can say I have been crucified with Christ.
- E. Galatians 2:20

### III. God Uses a Church That is Unified in Christ-Centered Worship (13:2-3)

- A. Worship fuels gospel mission and ministry.
- B. Worship occurs when we set our mind's attention and our heart's affection on God and praise him for who he is and for what he has done for us in and through the work of Christ.
- C. God is the audience of our worship.
- D. Worship is not a spectator sport. Are you watching or worshipping?

### Conclusion

- A. While worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit called Barnabas and Saul to go. Amen!
- B. Do we really want to be a church that changes the world?
- C. If the answer is yes, we need to be unified on the Word of God, in our leadership, and in Christ-centered worship.
- D. The Gospel Definition