**Reaching Port Week 1**

**-** What do you love about Northgate? If you are not familiar with the church, what do you love about your small group or other groups/clubs that you are apart of?

* This week Pastor Evan introduced a new series, discussing what it means to be a “reaching Church” that is irresistible.
* Generally, most of you choose a group because some part of it took hold of you.

- Discuss what you think is necessary for a church to be considered healthy.

* In Acts, we learn about the first Church and the framework of how they spread like a wildfire.

**Read Acts 11:19-26**

* Saul used to make his living off persecuting and killing Christians, yet God still had a plan for his life… New life!

- Why do you think Barnabas chose Saul to become the pastor of the church?

- Barnabas saw something in Saul that no one else did and empowered him through encouragement. Have you ever experienced someone play the role of Barnabas in your life? How did that person impact you?

* If you haven’t experienced that, maybe you need to be that person in someone else’s life!

- Have you ever restrained yourself from a role of leadership because of your past or that you felt you were under qualified?

* God has a redemptive purpose for your life. If Saul was empowered to lead the early church, you are never too far from God’s grace.

A sending Church needs these things in their makeup:

* **The Jew**- People recognizing all people as God’s people. Not ‘our religion for our people.’
* **The Greek**- People coming to know Jesus from all walks of life.
* **Barnabas**- People recognizing gifts in unlikely people.
* **Paul**- Imperfect Leaders.

- Which of the above do you think you most fit under?

**Read Acts 13:1-3**

* God multiplied momentum!

With each role, there exists a next step that God is calling you into.

* **The Jew-** Who’s the Greek in your life that you need to share the good news with?
* **The Greek** **–** What’s your next step to come to know Jesus? For most of you, that can mean getting Baptized! (Baptisms are occurring next Sunday).
* **Barnabas** **–** Who’s the Paul in your life that you need to start pouring into?
* **Paul –** What leadership position has God called you into?

- Pray for those things together.