

## **A Missionary Church**

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1. What are the things you look for in a church you want to attend? What's most important to you?  What is least important to you?
2. Do you think prophets speak today in the same way as they did in Acts 13:1-3? Has the fact that we now have the completed Bible changed the need for prophets? Why or why not? How would (or should) you respond if a person claiming to be a prophet gives you an exhortation or "word from the Lord"?
3. How important is it for a church to have broad leadership that is multicultural and crosses the socio-economic spectrum? What should we do (if anything) if our church isn't like that?
4. What are the advantages of having fewer voices leading a church? What are the disadvantages? What examples of both have you experienced in your life?
5. Why don't churches pray more or fast more? The church in Antioch was spiritually expectant. What stops us from being like them?
6. Why do we struggle to give away our best people to other work in the Kingdom of God? Why do churche "protect their patch" when it comes to staff and leaders? What would help us be more generous and better partners with other ministries?

Passages Cited: Acts 13:1-3. Titus 1:4-5. Luke 10:2.