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The Mission of the Church

Knowing who we are is key to understanding what we do

We are the church

We are where God Spirit dwells

We are the Body of Christ

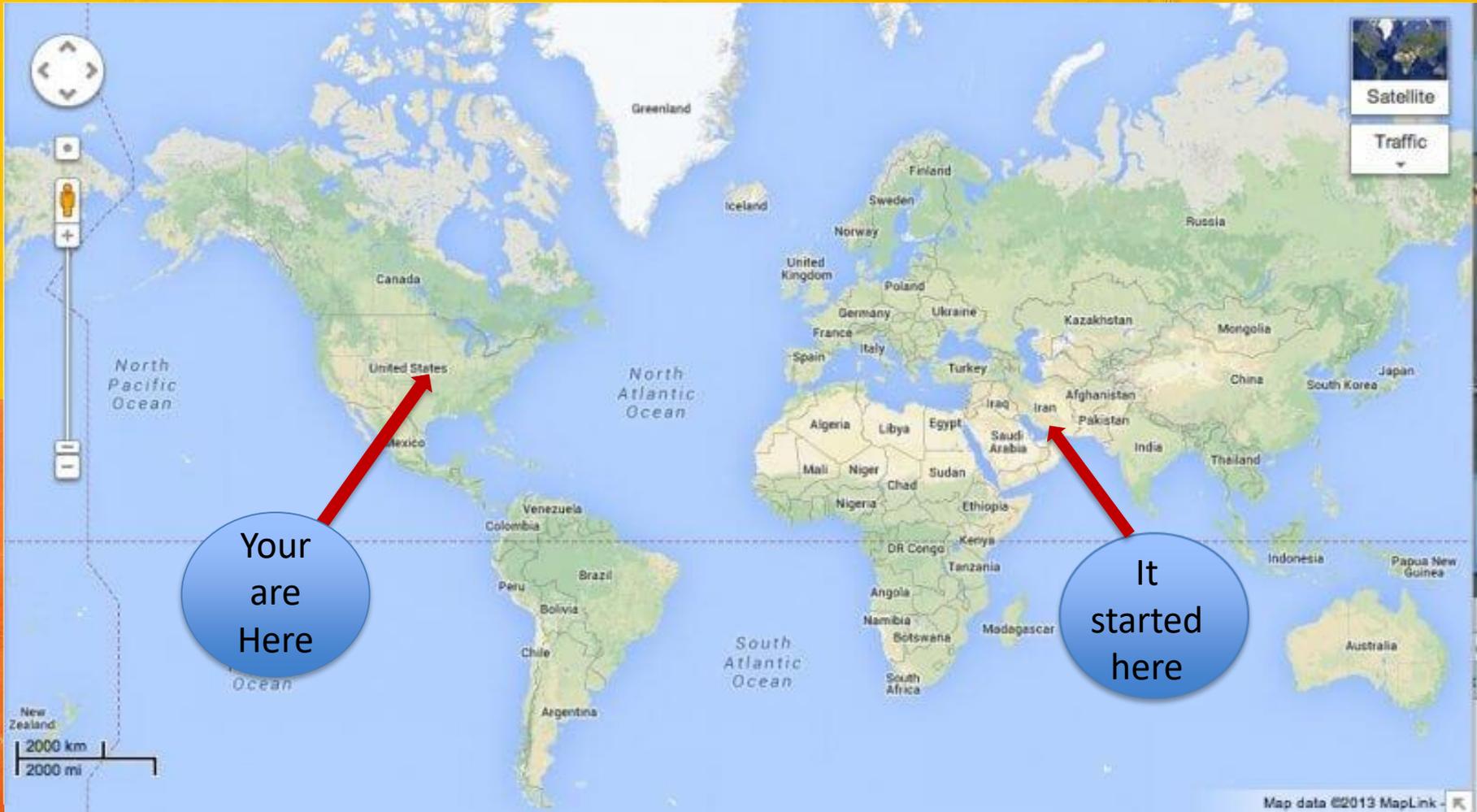
We (The church) do what Jesus did

We are used by Jesus to build His church

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- **The mission of Vineyard Community Church is “Moving Every Person toward Jesus.”**
- **“Our vision is “To become an authentic community of fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ who experience, demonstrate, and tell all people about the reality of God’s kingdom in everyday life.”**

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Your are Here

It started here

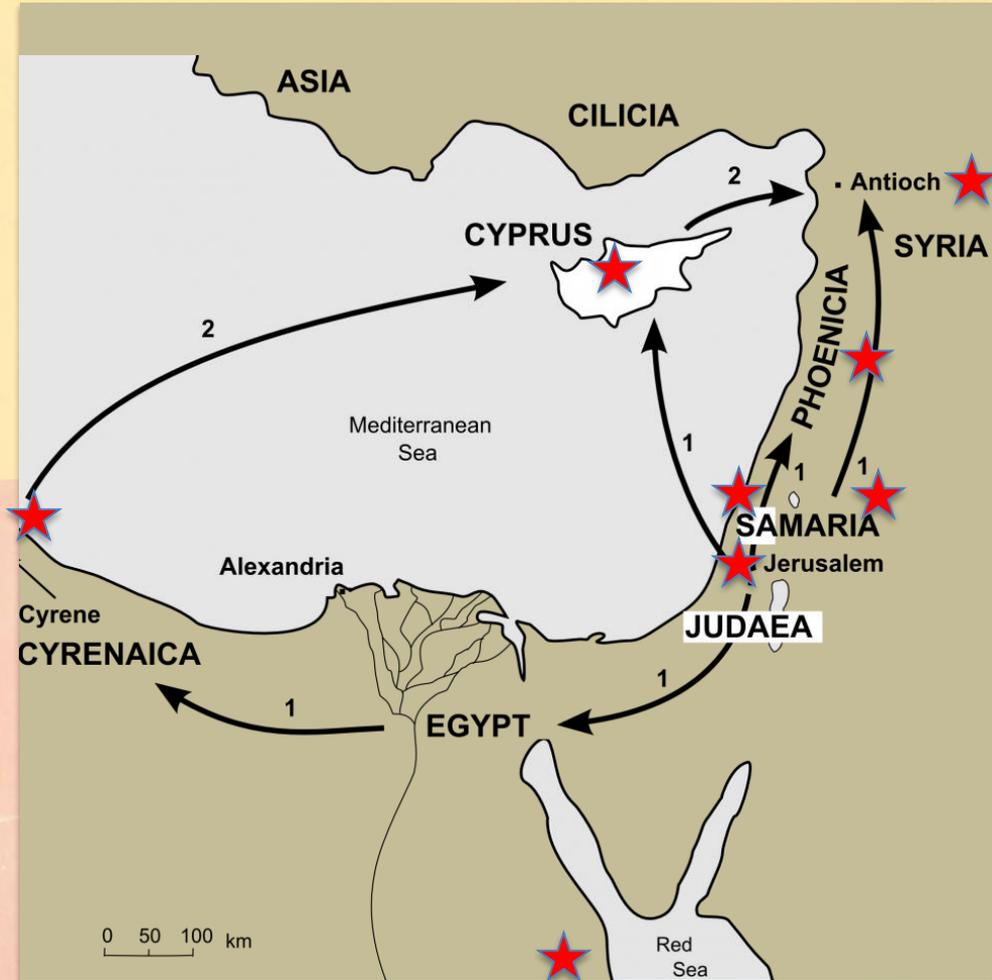




Acts 11:19-30

Meanwhile, the believers who had been scattered during the persecution after Stephen's death traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch of Syria. They preached the word of God, but only to Jews. 20 However, some of the believers who went to Antioch from Cyprus and Cyrene began preaching to the Gentiles about the Lord Jesus. 21 The power of the Lord was with them, and a large number of these Gentiles believed and turned to the Lord.

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Acts 11:19-30 When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened, they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he arrived and saw this evidence of God's blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord. 24 Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith. And many people were brought to the Lord. 25 Then Barnabas went on to Tarsus to look for Saul. 26 When he found him, he brought him back to Antioch. Both of them stayed there with the church for a full year, teaching large crowds of people. (It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians.)

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Acts 11:19-30 During this time some prophets traveled from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 One of them named Agabus stood up in one of the meetings and predicted by the Spirit that a great famine was coming upon the entire Roman world. 29 So the believers in Antioch decided to send relief to the brothers and sisters in Judea, everyone giving as much as they could. 30 This they did, entrusting their gifts to Barnabas and Saul to take to the elders of the church in Jerusalem.

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Acts 12:25 When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission to Jerusalem, they returned, taking John Mark with them.

13:2-4 One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them.” ³ So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way. ⁴ So Barnabas and Saul were sent out by the Holy Spirit.

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Acts 13-14



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The Missional Church...

Knows that being the Body of Christ is their highest calling

Will go to extreme measures to have every person come to know the Jesus that they know.

Loves and needs all their brothers and sisters in Christ

Makes disciples, teaching, encouraging and equipping them

Is Spirit filled and led, and is always connecting to God through prayer and worship

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Challenge

Spend some time with God thinking and praying about being the body of Christ as your highest purpose and vocation.

Ask God what that may look like and what step He wants you to take.

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I Corinthians 11: 24-26

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

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