

**Intro- Successful churches share common teaching & doctrinal emphasis.** \_\_\_\_\_

**I. What Growing Churches Believe**

- Understand what I'm not saying. \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. The Universal Problem \_\_\_\_\_

- Rom. 1-3 \_\_\_\_\_
- The Bible gives practical examples of this truth in the book of Acts.  
Acts 8:25 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Acts 9 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Acts 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Acts 16 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- You could not find a greater variety of cultures at the time. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- To a point, I support various efforts to help people with their problems. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Healthy, growing churches recognize however \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. The Universal Hunger \_\_\_\_\_

- Examples from the Book of Acts
  - The Eunuch \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - Paul \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - Cornelius \_\_\_\_\_  
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➤ Lydia \_\_\_\_\_

• Each recognized their \_\_\_\_\_

• Comparative religion shows us that \_\_\_\_\_

3. The Universal Solution \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 4:12 \_\_\_\_\_

• “Jesus is the Answer” is not just a slogan. \_\_\_\_\_

Rom. 1:16 \_\_\_\_\_

God has only one solution for man’s one problem. \_\_\_\_\_

God announces this solution in the \_\_\_\_\_

Look at our four Bible characters again.

A. The Eunuch – Acts 8:35 \_\_\_\_\_

B. Paul – Acts 9 & 22 \_\_\_\_\_

C. Cornelius – Acts 10:34-48 \_\_\_\_\_

D. Lydia – Acts 16:15 \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Notice the pattern. \_\_\_\_\_

➤ The main point for all of these is that \_\_\_\_\_

### Summary/Invitation

• There’s a reason for this sermon \_\_\_\_\_

• Remember what is necessary for growth.

1. Understand \_\_\_\_\_

2. Understand \_\_\_\_\_

3. Understand \_\_\_\_\_

• It is important that we know these things for two reasons:

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_