

FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

To Be More Like Barnabas

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Acts 9:26–31

When you consider the advancement of the gospel in the Book of Acts, which major players come to mind? Don't forget about the Holy Spirit, of course, but what about a guy named Barnabas? He was nick named a Son of Encouragement by the apostles, and we see him living up to that name in Acts 9. What might have seemed insignificant at the time turned out to have a major impact on the advancement of the gospel. What does it mean for us to like Barnabas and why is that so important? Read Acts 4:36–37 and Acts 9:26–31.

With the goal of becoming more like Barnabas, ask yourself these questions:

Am I willing to Take Notice of other people?

Am I willing to Take Time for other people?

Am I willing to Take God at His Word?

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. Do you have someone in your life whom you would call your encourager?
2. Discuss why it is important to encourage others and to be encouraged.
3. What did Barnabas do that would earn him the name, Son of Encouragement?
4. What are the things that hold you back from being more like Barnabas?
5. What real different did Barnabas make for the gospel in Acts 9?
6. Describe the impact on our church if we were more like Barnabas.
7. What would it take for you to be more like Barnabas?

Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

What will I do to be more sensitive to the Holy Spirit this week?

How will I live differently this week because of this study?

Notes & Reflections: