

Discussion Questions for the week of March 21st



BIG IDEA: We are called to go and make disciples and multiply people. In this series, we will look at the three discipleship relationships, Paul, Barnabas, and Timothy.

This week, we look at Barnabas, the “son of encouragement”, who speaks life into Saul. Do you have a friend who links arms and goes to war with you? Are you a friend that speaks life into others when no one else will? We are at war and we need each other, we need a Barnabas.

ICE BREAKER:

Does anybody have a nickname? What is it? If you don't have a nickname, see if your small group can come up with a fun one!

DISCUSSION:

1. Did anyone have a time this week where they were discouraged? How can you as a small group encourage that person? Where in Scripture could you point them to?
2. When was the last time you encouraged a fellow brother or sister in Christ? How did you do this?
3. Read Acts 4:34-37 and Acts 9:26-31. How can you be a Barnabas, a “son of encouragement”, and speak life into people around you so that people will be “provided for” (4:34) by your words and “built up” (9:31)? How can you do a better job at this with the people in our small group, our church?
4. Why do we need each other? What scripture calls us to meet together and encourage one another? (See if they can find some). Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11 and Hebrews 13:24-25. Why do we need each other? Why are we so bad at encouraging one another?
5. Read Acts 11:22-26. Barnabas realizes that he can't do it alone and needs someone walking with him and holding him accountable. What is accountability? Why is this important to our discipleship process and our life as a disciple and follower of Jesus Christ?
Prov 27:1; Ecc 4:9-12; Gal 6:1-6; Col 3:16; 1 Thes 5:14-15; Heb 3:13; Jam 5:16
6. Who in your life is like a Barnabas and holds you accountable? What does that accountability relationship look like?
7. When was the last time someone tried to “call you out” and how did you respond?
8. Do you have a tendency to cover up or share your “wounds” with others?
9. What type of environment could we create in small group for you all to feel more comfortable to share wounds with the group?

APPLICATION:

Pair your students up and have them tell each other positive things they see in each other. Do not let them give superficial compliments (ex: I like your shirt; you have really pretty hair; you are good at basketball) Encourage them to share things about the person's character or things they have seen them do at small group or school (ex: It is so clear that you have a passion to know God more; I have noticed the way you submit to your parents; I have noticed how you always include new people and make them feel welcomed; etc.). As an example, encourage your co-small group leader in front of your students. IF you have extra time rotate through multiple partners.