



Working it out

1. What are some of the things that keep people from being a Barnabas to others?
2. Which of the five ways that Barnabas encouraged others do you think is the most difficult to do? Why?
3. Which of the five ways that Barnabas encouraged others do you find the easiest for you to do?
4. Which of the five ways that Barnabas encouraged others do you find the most difficult for you to do?

What do you think might help make it easier to become an encourager in this way?

- What is the first step you can take to grow in this area?
5. In what ways does our church excel in encouraging others? Where do we need to grow in encouraging others? What are some steps that could be taken to grow in this area?
 6. Who is one person that you can be a Barnabas to this week? How will you encourage him or her?



Praying Through

1. Pray for the individual needs of the members of your group.
2. Pray for the Search Team as they lead us through this next phase of our journey to discover our next Lead Pastor.
3. Ask the Lord to help us as a church to discover His will and to grow through the journey and not just focus on the destination of finding our long-term pastor.



Barnabas - Encouraging Others

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching”. Hebrews 10:24-25

How did Barnabas encourage others?

1. When he saw people in need, he MET it, Acts 4:32-37.
2. When he saw people rejected, he ACCEPTED them, Acts 9:23-28.

3. When he saw God's grace, he AFFIRMED it, Acts 11:19-24.

4. When he saw potential in others, he STRENGTHENED it,
Acts 11:25-26.
Acts 13:2, 14, 42-43

5. When he saw people fall, he RESTORED them, Acts 15:36-41.

Small Group Discussion & Application

(For personal reflection, too!)



Warming up

1. Who is one of your favorite Bible characters? Why?
2. What are some examples of people who have been a great encouragement to you?



Digging In

Pastor Bubba Justice lists the following practices of a Barnabas from the book of Acts. Read each passage and discuss some ways this could be lived out in our church and in our neighborhoods.

- Be generous (4:36-37)
- Champion others (9:26-27)
- Say yes (11:22-24)
- Invest in leaders (11:25-26)
- Be trustworthy (11:27-30)
- Make room for the Holy Spirit (13:1-4)
- Let others lead (13:13-16)
- Make disciples, not church members (14:21-23)
- Hold on to your convictions (Acts 15:1-5)
- Embrace faithfulness to what God has called you to (15:36-39)