

Sunday May 16, 2021

The Encourager

Acts 11:19-26

Getting To Know You

1. Do you have a nickname? Does your nickname come from your name or from one of your characteristics?
2. Do you call a friend by a nickname that describes something about their character or ability?

Digging Deeper

1. In Acts 4, very few Jews sold their land like Barnabas did. Do you have any insight as to why this is so? What does this tell you about Barnabas?

Read Acts 11:19-26

2. Why was the church at Antioch so important?
3. What was the “evidence of the grace of God” that Barnabas saw in Antioch?
4. How is Barnabas described in Acts 11:24? What do you think is meant by this description? Is this true of you?
5. Barnabas seems to be more influential in the early church for the first ten or fifteen years. When did Paul become the leader of the two? What does this say about Barnabas?

Take Home

1. Although Barnabas had a special gift of encouragement, we can all encourage others. What can you do today to encourage someone? How could you make encouragement a habit?
2. Barnabas showed great humility in letting Paul become the leader of the two. Can you name a time in your life you have had to let someone else take the reins?
3. How do you use your God-given gifts and talents to influence others? How can you bring others to Christ by using your gifts and talents?

Prayer