



HTC SMALL GROUP

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Encouragement Has A Name

Sermon Date: April 22, 2018

Scripture: Acts 4: 36-37

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1. What is appealing to you about having a mentor? Would you like being one?
2. Any personal examples of either having or being a mentor that you can share with the group?

READ Acts 4:36-37, 11:23-24 and 14:11-20

3. How do these passages show that for Barnabas, it was all about Jesus? How would his all-in devotion to Christ have encouraged people?
4. When it comes to giving your all to Jesus, what gets in the way?
5. Any stories of being blessed when you turned everything over to Jesus?

READ Acts 9:26-29, 11:25-26, 15:37-41

6. Based on these passages, in what ways does Barnabas see the best in people?
7. Why do we know that Barnabas wasn't bent on self-promotion?
8. What do Colossians 4:10, Philemon 24 and 2 Timothy 4:11 teach us about why Barnabas was right to see the best in Mark?
9. Do you tend to see the best in people, or are you more apt to notice their shortcomings? Any suggestions on how to improve in this area?

READ Galatians 2:11-13

10. Barnabas was stuck between two groups. If he encouraged one, he would discourage (or even anger) the other. Why do you think he made the decision that he did?
11. If he were to look back on that event and give you some advice, what would it be?
12. Have you ever felt tempted to encourage someone's decision even if it was wrong in God's eyes? How can we make sure we stand for the Lord above anyone else?
13. Any final thoughts on what you can do to be more like Barnabas?