

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Being a Barnabas

Getting Started

Think of someone whom God has used to encourage you. Describe how God has used that person in your life.

Digging In

1. **Read Acts 4:32-37.** What are we told about Barnabas in this passage? List all the character qualities you can find.
2. Barnabas is called the *Son of Encouragement*. What does it mean to encourage others?
3. Name some ways we can encourage others?
4. **Read Acts 9:19b-30.** How did Barnabas demonstrate grace toward Paul?
5. **Read Acts 11:19-30.** What additional information are we given about Barnabas in this passage?
6. Paraphrase Luke's comment that Barnabas *encouraged them to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts* (11:23).
7. How did Barnabas further demonstrate grace toward Paul?
8. On the 1st missionary journey (Acts 13-14), Saul (Paul) gradually assumed the leading role on the team. What does it say about Barnabas that he was willing to follow Paul's leadership?
9. **Read Acts 15:36-41.** What later caused a rift between Barnabas and Paul? Why do you suppose Barnabas was willing to take John Mark along with him?



Getting Personal

- Suppose you were writing a character reference for Barnabas, what would you say about him?
- What impresses you most about Barnabas?
- Which of Barnabas' character qualities would you most like to see God develop in your own life?
- Barnabas is perhaps best known for encouraging others. What will you do this coming week to encourage someone?