

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Gamechanger Message Series

Engage In Community

for the week of September 15, 2019

1. Are there some followers of Jesus who are often given an elevated status within the Church?

Billy Graham and Corrie Ten Boom may be examples of two who have passed on; who might be people today that we would regard as “important” in the global Church?

It is easy to look at others and consider them as more important than ourselves in the body of Christ – but God has given each one of us an important role, and we are called to “have equal concern for each other” (1 Corinthians 12:25). As we study about a man known as Barnabas, we will learn that no matter what role we have, we are called to engage in community with one another in order to care for one another equally.

Read Acts 4:32-37

2. From this passage, what was the key attribute needed in order for the believers to be willing to sacrifice for one another? Why is this so necessary for us to act sacrificially?
3. Do you know of anyone who has made a sacrifice like Barnabas in order to selflessly take care of the needs of others?
4. What sacrifices can you make for the church?

Read Acts 9:26-27 (For contextual purposes, it would be helpful for someone to summarize Saul’s transformation in Acts 9:1-25)

5. How would you have felt if you were part of the church in Jerusalem when Saul wanted to join it?
6. What do you think might have been Barnabas’ reasoning for helping Saul?
7. Have you ever felt like the disciples did – afraid of someone becoming part of the church? Why do you think you felt that way?

Read Acts 11:19-25

8. Why might have the disciples chosen Barnabas to be the first to minister to the church in Antioch instead of men like Peter, John, or Saul?
9. What does it say about Barnabas’ character that he sought to bring Saul to Antioch after what was written in verse 24?
10. Which aspect of Barnabas’ character would you like to see most in your own spiritual walk? How can you start practicing it this week?



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