

## LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF BARNABAS

## SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 3:13 | 10:24 | 1 Thes.4:14-18 | Philippians 2:14-16

## **DISCUSSION GUIDE:**

We looked today at the importance of encouragement as a tool in the battle.

- 1. How does God use encouragement as a tool in keeping us from being deceived by sin? Is there a specific time that God has used someone to encourage you to keep "fighting the fight"?
- 2. We identified four qualities in Barnabas' life that caused him to be a strong encourager? Which area stood out to you? (generosity, taking a risk, humility, loyalty) Which of these is easiest for you? Which is most difficult?
- 3. Taking our eyes off ourselves is the first step toward being able to encourage others? What practices can we use to make that a reality in the midst of day to day life? How can you stay focused on others?
- 4. We looked primarily at how believers can encourage other believers, yet encouragement can be a major tool in being salt and light to those who do not have a relationship to God.
- 5. Who in your life needs encouragement this week? What step can you take to encourage others? Take some time to pray this week that you and those in your group can be a "Barnabas" to someone.