

**UNSUNG**

**HEROES**

## UNSUNG HEROES (May 12 to June 16)

*In the grand scope of the God's story, there are a few who get most of the press. However, behind the scenes, God often employs those whose stories may not receive as much adulation — weaving their actions into the tapestry of His divine plan. Unsung heroes — while often unnoticed — have an impact echoing throughout eternity.*

### Group Discussion

**Getting started:** If you had to be best friends with any fictional TV character, who would you choose and why?

1. What stood out to you and challenged you from the message?
2. Who is a “Barnabas” in your life? Who consistently encourages you and pulls you up when you feel like the world is trying to push you down?
3. Read **Acts 9:26-27**. Has there ever been a time when you felt totally alone, out of place, or like everyone had given up on you, but one person showed up and made you feel seen? Have you ever been able to do this for someone else?
4. Do you ever feel that certain people don't deserve any more patience or encouragement? How do we manage the struggle between enabling someone's unhealthy behavior and not giving up on them?
5. When you feel discouraged there are two questions we should ask ourselves. **“What do you feel?”** & **“What do you know?”** Why is the second question the more important one? What do you know about God? How can you remind yourself of that?
6. Read **1 Thessalonians 5:11**. The two primary ways we can be encouraged are to be encouraged by *God's word*, and to be encouraged by *God's people*. Which of these are you better at currently? How can you practice both this week?

## Next Steps

- **The antidote to discouragement is encouragement.** How can you be a Barnabas for someone in your life this week?

## Resources

- *Made For Friendship* by Drew Hunter
- *Scary Close* by Donald Miller

## Next Week

We will wrap up our six-week sermon series *Unsung Heroes* by celebrating *Father's Day*.

- **Jasper:** 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m. EDT.
- **Loogootee:** 9 and 10:30 a.m. EDT.
- **Tell City:** 8:30 and 10 a.m. CDT.

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