

Lesson 8: Encouragement Make a Difference

Acts 11:19-26

Making a Difference

1. (v.19) What caused the believers to be “scattered abroad”?
 - *When the people scattered, they took the gospel message with them. So, how was God able to use their persecution for good?*
2. (v.22-23) What did Barnabas see when he arrived in Antioch?
 - *According to (v.21) what was the evidence of God’s grace at work in Antioch?*
 - *How might others see God’s grace at work in our church?*
3. (v.23b) What does it mean that Barnabas “exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord”?
 - *What challenge should this be to us, today?*
4. (v.24a) What qualities in the life of Barnabas helped make him an encourager to others?
 - *How would it affect the average church if everyone were “full of the Holy Ghost and of faith”?*
5. Who has been a Barnabas in *your* life, and how did their encouragement make a difference?
6. What are practical ways we can be an encouragement to others?
7. How did this lesson speak to you and what action step will it lead you to take? (*“Because of what I learned, I will...”*)
8. Share one thing God spoke to you about during your daily devotional time this past week.

GROUP PRAYER TIME (Take any prayer requests)

- Pray for the prayer requests given.
- Whatever the Lord spoke to you about in this lesson, turn that into a prayer back to God. Is there something you need to **correct**, **confess**, or **continue** doing...tell Him about it.