



Topeka Bible Church
The Life of Paul, Episode 5:
“The Person Everyone (including God) Likes”
Community Group Study Questions
Acts 4:32-37; 9:23-28; 11:19-26; 13:1-2, 13; 15:35-40

1. Think about Barnabas' sacrificial act in *Acts 4:36-37*. Why do you think he did this? When was the last time you gave sacrificially in order to help meet the needs of others within the church?

2. Why do you think Barnabas was able to speak effectively on behalf of Paul before the apostles (*Acts 9:26-27*)? If you were in Saul's (Paul's) shoes, how would this have impacted you? Are there currently any "Paul's" in your life to whom you can reach out?

3. Why was Barnabas sent to the church in Antioch (*Acts 11:22*)? What actions did he take when he arrived in Antioch in *Acts 11:23*? How might you do the same in your spheres of influence this week?

4. Why might Barnabas have intentionally looked for Saul (Paul) in *Acts 11:25*? As you think about how Barnabas served as a "mentor" to Paul, who are the gifted folks in your life whom you can mentor and give opportunities to serve? What steps can you take to build more effectively into those relationships?

5. Barnabas and Saul (Paul) became a dynamic tandem for ministry in the first century. Who are the folks that you would consider partnering with in ministry here at TBC? How might God use you, your passion, and other ministry partners to further His Kingdom here on earth?

6. Have you ever experienced a sharp disagreement like Paul and Barnabas did in Acts 15:36-40? What happened? Were you eventually able to reconcile with the other party? What steps do you need to take to pursue this reconciliation?

7. To whom do you need to give a "second chance" like Barnabas did with John Mark (Acts 15:37, see also 2 Timothy 4:11)? Prayerfully consider how you might specifically be a "son (or daughter) of encouragement" to others this week and share this with your group.

Memory Verse:

"But Barnabas took hold of him (Saul/Paul) and brought him to the apostles and described to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had talked to him, and how at Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus."

(Acts 9:27, NASB)