

Paul's Need for Barnabas

Make sure to continue to make people feel welcome and comfortable. Greet and introduce any newcomers.

Announcements (3 min)

* Projects for the new building. This week there are several opportunities to help at the new building. If you or someone from your group would like to help out on one or more of these dates – please contact Clay at claysjourney@gmail.com

*THURSDAY - 12:30pm – 5:00pm
Job Task: Spray Painting in Worship Center (1-2 People)

*SATURDAY - 9:00am – 5:00pm
Job Task: TBA

* Miss a sermon? You can subscribe to iTunes or download them through www.journeymedia.org

Introduction

In preparation for an opportunity to speak to the association this week, Will shared his message with us on Sunday night. Though a bit of a step away from what we have been studying in Isaiah 55, the crux of the message resounds in the need to passionately bring Jesus to the city around us and build our churches up. How do we see the church multiply – how do we get our eyes on those who are lost and not hearing who Christ is and how much He loves them?

Ice Breaker (5 min)

Will talked on Sunday about hitting his 1st homerun when he was a boy and how proud it made him feel. What was the proudest moment of your childhood?

Discussion Questions (30 min)

1. Read through this week's passage – Acts 9:26-31.
2. Who is the greatest encourager in your life? Why?
3. Will mentioned on Sunday, that while there is a huge amount of people who do not even attend church – that is not often the focus of the church. Often churches get caught up in more frivolous concerns. Thinking about this what changes have happened in church life that have caused the greatest rifts (he called them 'worship wars') between 'church people' and churches? (i.e. worship or music differences, dress, etc). Of these – how many are essential and how many are inconsequential?
4. Is it important for churches to work together to accomplish the Great Commission if only 14% of the people of Charleston (including Berkeley, Dorchester and Charleston counties) are going to a healthy church? If yes, what did you learn about Barnabas, Saul and the established leaders of the church from tonight's verses in Acts?

A Little Application (5 min)

People watch us and listen to how we talk about church and how we serve God and if our talk is caught up in how loud the music was, talking down about the people that attended and so forth then what message are they hearing? And why would they want to come be a part of the church, of who knowing Christ more deeply? So based on this and on your stage of life, what do you need to do to bridge the gap so that the gospel can make a greater influence in our city? Who is in your realm of influence and how will you encourage them and share with them this week?

Praying for Each Other (5 min)