



THE TITLE: Community is built on Encouragement

THE PASSAGE: Acts 9:26-11:26

THE POINT: Encouragement Strengthens Our Relationships.

Hebrews 10:24-25

24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Gospel Culture:

Inspiring communities where the gospel saturates our experience, and doubters become believers who become declarers of the gospel.

1. PREACHING JESUS

Acts 9:26-28

26 And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. 28 So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord.

2. Full Of The Holy Spirit

Acts 11:21-24

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. 22 The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, 24 for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

3. We Need Each Other

Acts 11:25-26

25 So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

Family Questions:

1. Take time this week to specifically thank someone who has been an encouragement to you.
2. Identify an opportunity to encourage someone in our Church family.
3. How can you intentionally encourage God's larger work in our local Church?