



## June 5th Discussion Guide

### **LEGACY - ACTS 14:21-28**

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This is a 12 week study through the Book of Acts. Content for this discussion guide is based on the sermon, so participation in weekly worship will enhance the conversation on this topic. If you want to watch the sermon it can be viewed at [Sermons Archive - Good Shepherd Church Naperville](#)

#### Prayer

Open your group in prayer.

#### Icebreaker (10 min)

Google the definition for the words “encourage” and “parakaleo” (Greek). Discuss how they are related.

## Discussion (45 min)

1. Read Acts 4:34-37, 11:20-24. What do you learn about Barnabas in these verses?
2. Read John 14:16-17 and 26-27.
  - a. Counselor, Advocate, Comforter = Parakletos! Discuss the connection between the Holy Spirit and Barnabas and the words you defined in the icebreaker. Where did Barnabas get his ability to encourage?
  - b. How has the Holy Spirit done these things for you?
3. From Acts 4:34-37:
  - a. What was Barnabas doing that would leave a legacy of encouragement?
  - b. What do you have that you can give to also leave this legacy?
4. Read Acts 9:26-28.
  - a. What encouraging thing did Barnabas do in these verses?
  - b. Who is someone you need to show you believe in them? How could this be encouraging to them?
5. Read Acts 15:37-40.
  - a. How did Barnabas live up to his name in these verses?
  - b. Who are some people that have stuck with you in tough times? Who is someone you have stuck by when others have not? What kind of legacy have these experiences left behind?

**Application question:** Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11. How will you hold each other accountable this week to write someone a note, text, or email of encouragement?

**Closing Prayer** LORD, You left a legacy of encouragement in the Holy Spirit by giving to us, believing in us, and sticking by us. Reveal to us someone that needs encouragement this week. Give us the courage to be their “Barnabas”.