

Barnabas & the Church

CCK Men's Weekend – "Significance"

Learning from Barnabas

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Power of Community

Acts 4:32-37

⊕ Unity

Acts 4:32

⊕ “Ubuntu”: What would that look like in Cape Town today?

⊕ Fellowship

1 John 1:1-4

⊕ Sharing God’s life

⊕ Joy



Power of Community

✚ Generous Giving

Acts 4:34

✚ *Sacrificial*

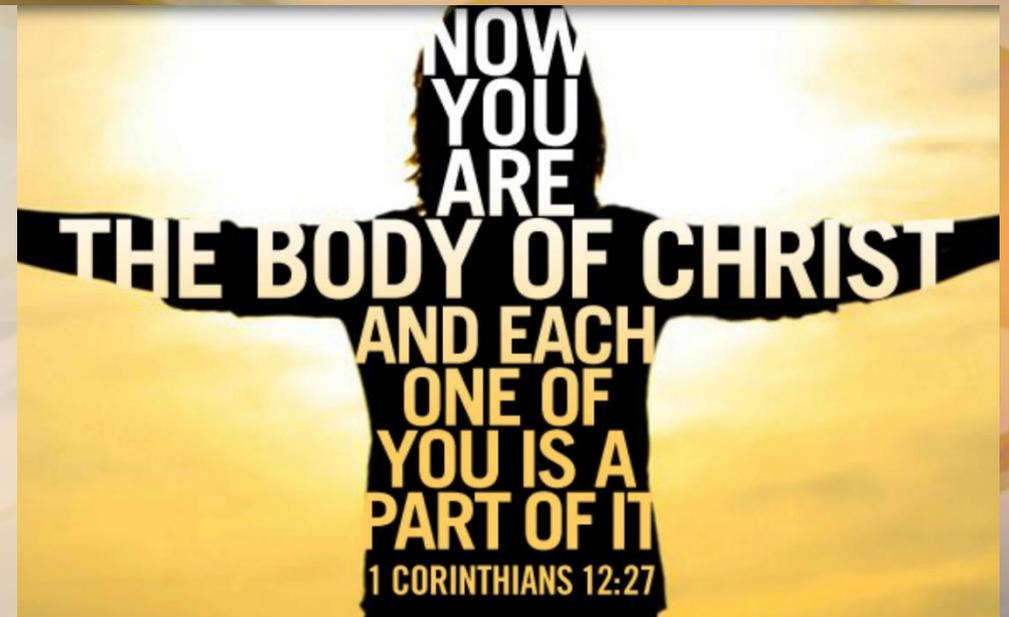
✚ Son of Encouragement

Acts 4:36-37

✚ *Use your gifts!*

✚ *Faithful in small things ➡ Greater things*

✚ *Many possibilities (not only the list in Scripture)*



Key Principles for Significance

⊕ What is God already doing?

Acts 11:23 Learn to:

- ⊕ *See (John 5:19)*
- ⊕ *Hear (John 3:8)*
- ⊕ *Small (2 Corinthians 2:15-16)*

⊕ Character

Acts 11:24

- ⊕ *A good man*
- ⊕ *Full of the Holy Spirit*
- ⊕ *Full of faith*



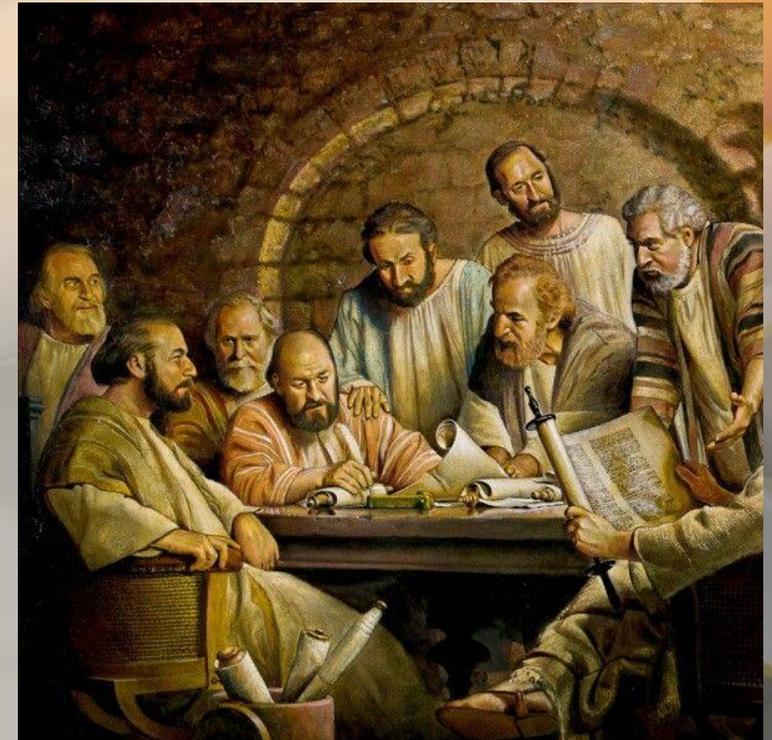
Major Change of Direction

Acts 15:2

- ⊕ Gentiles welcome!
- ⊕ Balance
 - ✦ Courage to take a risk
 - ✦ Check it out with the leaders
- ⊕ Changed the course of history

Acts 15:12,22,28

- ✦ Barnabas at the forefront
- ✦ The Council of Jerusalem



Reflection Questions

- 1) When have you experienced true fellowship, sharing God's life with others?
 - ✝ How did it come about?
 - ✝ What was difficult or costly about it?
 - ✝ Could God be calling you to deeper fellowship now? Where? With whom?

- 2) What are your special gifts – not only in “spiritual” terms or in the church, but in all areas of your life? If you are not sure, ask a few people who know you well.
 - ✝ How are you using them to serve God and God's mission?
 - ✝ How is God calling you to use your gifts in his service?

Reflection Questions

- 3) Where do you see (*John 5:19*), hear (*John 3:8*); and smell (*2 Corinthians 2:15-16*) God at work now?
- ✝ How can you participate in it more effectively?
- 4) Barnabas was described as “a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith” (*Acts 11:24*).
- ✝ How would your family, friends and fellow church members describe you?
 - ✝ What would you like as an epitaph?
 - ✝ What, if anything, do you need to ask God to help you change in your character or lifestyle?