



- Purdue Cross Impact Effort
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Specific Requests:

- Dornbirers as dad goes through cancer treatments
- Matthew Kroeker's car accident
- Nabors Family as they mourn the loss of their dad.
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Announcements:

SINGLE FOCUS

Guy's Weekend

March 19, 2022

Girl's Weekend



Lesson 6:

Discipling through Encouragement (Acts 4:36-37)

What is Christian encouragement?

- Encouragement comes through exhortation (*parakaleo*).
 - To call someone alongside (Acts 28:20)
 - To call someone to action (2 Cor. 10:1; Heb. 3:13)
 - To make an urgent request (Matt. 8:5-6).
 - To give comfort or cheer (2 Cor. 1:6; 13:11)
 - To be inviting or welcoming with a kind spirit (1 Tim. 5:1).
- Encouragement comes through edification (*oikodome*).
 - An actual building project (Mark 13:1; 1 Cor. 3:9).
 - A spiritual building-up, growth, or advancement (Rom. 14:19; 15:2; 1 Cor. 14:5)

Christians encourage each other from personal counseling and strategic upbuilding.

Who displayed encouragement?

- The Life of Barnabas.
 - Barnabas' Introduction: "Son of encouragement" (Acts 4:36-37).
 - Barnabas stands up for Paul (Acts 9:26-31).
 - Barnabas is called to preach to the Gentiles (Acts 11:19-30).
 - Barnabas and Paul are sent as travelling missionaries (Acts 13:1-12).
 - They returned and reported on their travels (Acts 15:30-35).



- Barnabas and Paul split over John Mark (Acts 15:36-41).
- They also worked together to defend the new Gentile believers (Gal. 2:1-13).
- Tychichus: His goal was to (1) know how they were doing and (2) comfort their hearts (Eph. 6:21-22; Col. 4:7-9)
- Timothy and Titus:
 - Timothy needed to exhort with patience and truth (2 Tim. 4:2).
 - Titus needed to exhort with authority (Titus 2:15).
- Philemon: A man of comfort and refreshment (Philemon 7)

How can you become a better encourager?

- Put yourself in the position to be an encouragement (2 Cor. 13:11; Col. 2:1-2)
 - Build consistent bridges of friendship.
 - Make yourself available and vulnerable to people.
- Encouragers sometimes risk their reputation for their disciples (Acts 9:26-31; 15:36-41).
- Have a Christ-like care for others (Eph. 5:1-2).
- Encouragers need to grow in encouraging themselves in order to give others hope (2 Cor. 1).
- Encouragers must give something substantive and helpful (Rom. 15:2; 2 Cor. 13:10).
- In order to build up, you have to tell the truth (Gal. 6:1-2).
- Encouragers disciple more encouragers (Acts 9:27, 31).

Prayer

Scripture: ¹⁵ But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin....
²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:
²⁵ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.
 Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25

College Student Spotlight: Mason Katter

- Dad's surgery and recovery
- Recently engaged
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Single Focus/Cross Impact Requests:

- Cross Impact
 - Transfers
 - Open doors into some kind of group
 - Evangelistic Bible Studies
- Single Focus
 - Grow in Gospel partnership together
 - Discipleship ideas for our group
 - Outreach ideas with young adults in Indy