

WITNESS – Reaching out to others
(Aim for 20 – 30 minutes)

Practising praying with people.

In 2's, each person in turn share

“What’s been the worst thing that has happened this week?”

Ask “Is it OK for me to put a hand on your shoulder?”

Then reach out a hand put it on your neighbour’s shoulder
and pray for them.

THE CO-STARS

OF ACTS

1

Barnabas

**Acts 4:36-37; 9:26-29; 11:25-31;
13:1-3; 15:36-41**

WELCOME – Breaking the ice *(Aim for 10 minutes)*

Why was Joseph given the nickname Barnabas? (Acts 4.36-37) What nickname might be given to you? The group might have a go too and say why?

WORSHIP – Meeting the Lord *(Aim for 10 – 15 minutes)*

What has been the best thing that has happened this week?

OR

When have you felt closest to God this week?

Each person in turn, say “Thank you” to God for the best thing that has happened OR when God has felt closest this week.

WORD – Applying the truth
(Aim for 40 – 45 minutes)

Read: Acts 4:36-37; 9:26-29; 11:25-31; 13:1-3; 15:36-41

1 What lay at the route of Barnabas' generosity?

2 What was it about Barnabas that made him the link between newly converted Saul and the Apostles in Jerusalem?

3 What role does Barnabas play in Paul's life and ministry (Acts 4.36-37)?

4 Barnabas means Son of encouragement. When have you experienced someone being an encouragement to you? And / you to another? (Acts 9.26-28)

5 What was the process by which Barnabas linked Saul to the Apostles? (Acts 9.26-28)

6 Why was Barnabas a perfect person to go down to Antioch? (Acts 4.36-37 & Acts 11.19.26)

7. What made Barnabas go to Tarsus to find Paul? (Acts 11.25-26)

8. What character and gifts did Barnabas show in finding Paul? (Acts 11.25-26)

9. Why did Paul and Barnabas make such a good team? (Acts 13.1-2)

10. What is the evidence of team work in Acts 13 and 14? Which name comes first in which verse and why?

11. What is the cause of Paul and Barnabas' rift in Acts 15.36-41? Who was right? What does this teach us about Christian ministry?