



STUDY GUIDE

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[set up]

What makes a church an effective church?

[digging deeper]

Last weekend we were introduced to a man named Barnabas. Read the following verses to get an idea of who Barnabas was.

Acts 4:36-37

Acts 9:26-27

Acts 11:19-30

For a more thorough understanding of Barnabas, you can see all the places where he is mentioned in Scripture here: <http://www.esvbible.org/search/?q=barnabas>

If you have large Post-it note sheets, hang up two of them for this next exercise so your whole group can interact and see your findings.

1. What are all the qualities and observations you can make about Barnabas from the above verses?
2. What are all the observations you can make about the church in Antioch? To go the extra mile, read through this description of Antioch before or during your time: <http://www.biblestudytools.com/encyclopedias/isbe/antioch-in-syria.html>

How was the church in Antioch effective and what role did Barnabas play?

It was said last Sunday that, "In every bold and fruitful church you will find Barnabas-like people." Looking at your group's large note sheet with the qualities of Barnabas listed, which of these qualities do you see in the people in your LifeGroup? Circle that quality on the sheet as you state the person's name who you feel has that quality. If you feel safe enough in your group, go up and underline a quality that you would like to grow in.

Looking at the sheet with the observations of the church in Antioch, circle the qualities you see here at CVC and underline any qualities we can grow in. (If you can, send us a picture of how this assignment looked in your group! connect@cvconline.org)

[living it out]

As you look at those two lists, what can you personally do to contribute to CVC being more effective as a church? What can your LifeGroup do?

In an effort to be more of a discipler like “Barnabas,” who are two or three people that you can get together with this summer in a huddle and go through the “Taproot” booklet to help grow *you* as a leader and *them* as a disciple?

Here is a testimony of a person who used Taproot in a huddle this last week for the first time:

“I just got back from huddle and we did the first week of Taproot. It was awesome! I felt like it was concise enough to fit into the 1 ½ hours we have together. But I also felt like it was deep enough that it really spurred great conversation. I love that it left you with areas to take notes on how to pray for each other and what accountability we would like to have. And the part about what ICNU was great and tearful! Thanks for encouraging us to go through that together! Can't wait to see what the coming weeks hold!”

Close in prayer. Let the themes of your prayer time come from the insights and verses above. Give God praise for any circled qualities and lay before the Lord any underlined qualities that we as individuals and as a church can grow in.

Special Prayer - Please begin preparing and praying for our All-Church “Fruit of New Life” series kicking off in September. We are asking all LifeGroups to meet weekly for this 13-week series that will sync the sermons and the LifeGroups together in order to grow our spiritual roots deeper as we strive to *be* a disciple who *grows* other disciples.