

Invest Yourself in Others

Christians build community as they invest their time and effort in helping others develop to their fullest potential.

Ice Breaker: Who do people say you look like? Why?

The Call & Privilege of Personal Involvement (read Acts 9:10-17)

1. What do we know about Saul to this point?
2. Given his previous activities, what might Saul be thinking about during those three days of blindness and fasting (v.9)?
3. How would you feel in Ananias' place?
4. Discuss what principles these verses provide for us.

The Potential Impact of Personal Involvement (read Acts 9:18-28)

1. What fears might the leaders in Jerusalem have had?
2. Discuss the impact of Barnabas' initiative to stand by Saul.

3. Why do adults sometimes find it difficult to form new relationships?

4. How are mature Christians important in the lives of new Christians? What are the effects of helping new Christians both for the individuals involve and for the larger church community?

5. Who has played the role of a Barnabas in your life?

6. How can we help newcomers to **LIFE Groups** (our church) feel accepted?

Wrap up:

- How does this lesson apply to you personally? To ministry among your small group? To your influence in helping a non-believer come to follow Christ?

How can we help one another through prayer today?

LIFE Groups

Providing an environment to nurture caring relationships and spiritual growth.

- L ♦ Learn..... applying Biblical truth for everyday living
- I ♦ Invite.....welcoming others to our fellowship
- F ♦ Fellowship.....nurturing Christ centered caring relationships
- E ♦ Evangelism..... combining evangelism, teaching and nurturing to impact our world for Christ