

## D. Barnabas Models a Mentoring Lifestyle.

(Suggested Teaching Time: 15 Min)

Barnabas serves as a role model of eight key mentoring lifestyle attributes modeled by B.A.R.N.A.B.A.S. [See Appendix 2C]

### 1. **B – Bridge Builder.**

- Barnabas helped Paul become accepted by the Apostles by acting as a peacemaker and testifying on Paul's behalf when Paul arrived in Jerusalem as a new convert (Ac 9:26-30).
- Barnabas and Paul were sent to the pivotal Jerusalem Council meeting and were key in persuading the other leaders that converted Gentiles should not have to live under the Jewish law. This event made it possible for Christianity to spread freely among the Gentile world (Ac 15:2, 3, 12).

### 2. **A – Available.**

- Barnabas was available to young leaders (Paul, Antioch believers) to develop their ministry skills (Ac 11:25, 13:5).
- Barnabas was available to serve on the first missions team, which took the gospel from Antioch to the Gentiles (Ac 13).

### 3. **R – Recognizes Potential.**

- Barnabas recognized Paul's potential; Paul authored most of the New Testament epistles.
- Barnabas was the advocate for John Mark, who authored the gospel of Mark (which shaped Matthew and Luke as well).
- Barnabas saw the potential of the young church at Antioch. (The term "Christian" originated at Antioch (Ac 11:26)).

### 4. **N – Nurturing.**

- The apostles changed his name from "Joseph" to "Barnabas" to describe him as a "son of encouragement" (Ac 4:36).
- Barnabas sent Paul to Tarsus for more growth (Ac 9:30).
- Barnabas went to Tarsus to bring Paul to Antioch to share in teaching and nurture Paul's leadership growth (Ac 11:25).
- Barnabas included John Mark on the first mission trip (Ac 13:5) and did not give up on him, even after failure. He took Mark with him to Cyprus (Ac 15:39).
- Barnabas was willing for Paul to rise up and take the lead on their ministry team. He was willing for Paul to surpass him and reach his full potential (Ac 13:13).

← If time permits, see Appendix 2C for the three key relationships we need in our lives.

Show transparency 2-4.

### The Mentoring 2-4 Attributes of BARNABAS

1. **B** – Bridge Builder
2. **A** – Available
3. **R** – Recognizes Potential
4. **N** – Nurturing
5. **A** – Ambassador
6. **B** – Broken
7. **A** – Accountable
8. **S** – Sacrificial Service

← Matthew includes 606 of Mark's 611 verses. Luke includes 90% of Mark's content.