

# Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

## Life of Paul - Part 5 Making a difference

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### Introduction

Looking at the life of Paul, one of the key reasons he became an Apostle was because of Barnabas's faithful conviction. Barnabas travelled 500 kilometres to Tarsus to meet Paul, and the pair returned to Antioch on a mission trip that demonstrated the disciples' commitment to supporting people in tough places. Barnabas embodied this value, investing in Paul in a way that impacted Paul's whole life.

**Read** Acts 4:32-37 and Acts 11:25-30

### Discuss

1. At Antioch, Agabus prophesises through the Spirit that a severe famine will spread over the entire Roman world (Acts 11:28). How did the disciples at Antioch respond (Acts 11:29-30)?
2. Have you personally experienced or heard about an act of generosity? How did it impact you?
3. Read Acts 4:32-37. What attitude did the believers have toward one another?
4. What do we learn about Barnabas in Acts 4:36-37? What inspires you about Barnabas?
5. What challenges do we face in using our possessions for the benefit of others?
6. God gives us opportunities to raise people and build their hearts. Have you experienced being on the receiving end of this? Is there anyone around you today that could be blessed if you take this opportunity?

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7. Pastor Tim mentioned that fellowship means participating, collaborating and making a difference. Hospitality means welcoming the stranger, visitor or guest. As a Life Group, what can you do to live out the meaning of fellowship and hospitality?

**Respond**

Are there any opportunities where you can invest in people's lives to help them flourish? What are some ways you can contribute this week? Take a few minutes of silence to reflect.