

## **Discussion Questions Course 412–2**

### **Large Group**

1. If you have ever felt sad or discouraged, and someone said or did something to cheer you up and encourage you, how did it feel knowing someone cared about you?
2. Do you remember what the name Barnabas means?
3. Barnabas lived up to his name by encouraging many others. How did Barnabas help Paul after he became a believer in Jesus?
4. Guess how many miles Paul and Barnabas traveled on their first mission trip?

### **Small Group**

#### **Teaching**

1. In our Bible story today, can you name some ways that Paul and Barnabas encouraged others and showed God's love?
2. If you were here last time, how did Chris, Joy and Gizmo encourage Jai Wei when he was being teased by students for inviting them to his Bible study?
3. Can you name some reasons someone may say something hurtful?
4. When we get angry or upset, what should we do before we say or do anything?

#### **Discipleship Challenge**

1. Would anyone like to share your experience about witnessing to others?

### **Additional Activities**

#### **Social Network Activity**

1. What is the social network app where you post a short message called a tweet?

#### **Craft**

1. There are many reasons that people need to be encouraged. Can you name some?

### **Bible Activity**

#### **Acts 15:36–41**

1. In verse 36, what did Paul want to do?
2. How can we apply this in our lives?
3. Why would Paul not travel with John Mark again?
4. What did Barnabas want to do?
5. Now, take a moment and consider their different feelings and decisions about John Mark; what do you think you would do in the same situation and why? Is one man right or wrong?
6. Can you think of another verse or story in the Bible to back up your response?

#### **John 21:17**

1. Does anyone know when this conversation took place between Jesus and Simon Peter? .
2. Jesus restored Peter and gave him a job to do in God's Kingdom. He told him to care for His lambs and sheep, which represent Jesus' followers. How can this be related to Paul and Barnabas's situation with John Mark?
3. Do Jesus' actions seem more like Paul's attitude toward John Mark, or more like Barnabas's? Please explain.

**Acts 9:26–28**

1. What did Barnabas do to help Paul?
2. How should this experience have affected Paul in regard to John Mark's situation?
3. What was the result of Paul getting a second chance?

**Colossians 3:13**

1. How does this verse apply to the circumstance with Paul and Barnabas?
2. Why is it often difficult to do what this verse tells us?
3. Do you think sometimes it is wise to forgive, yet not give certain responsibilities to someone until they prove they are trustworthy; why or why not?