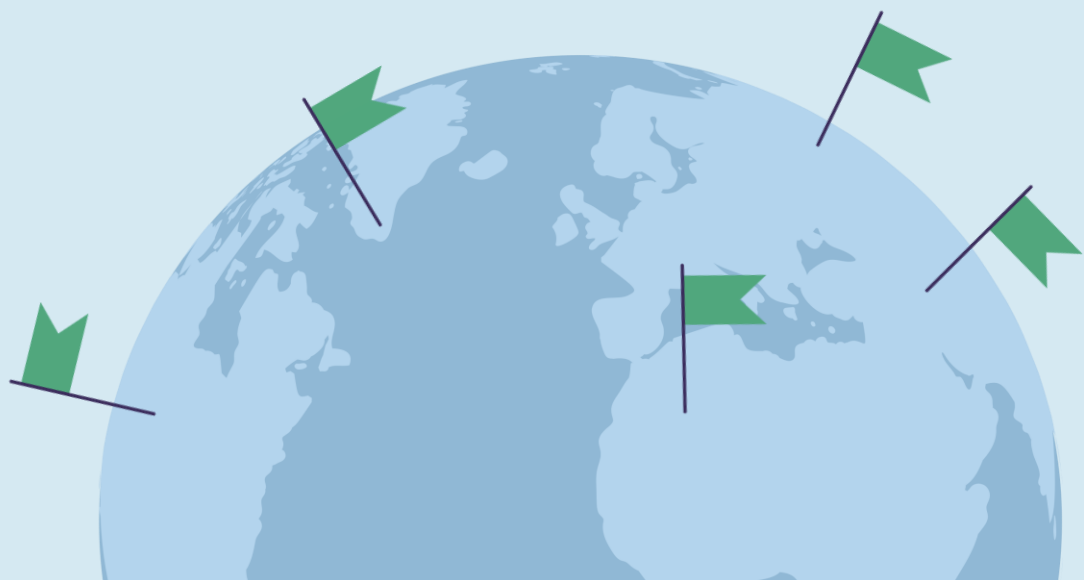




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Barnabas: Epitomizing Discipling & Nurturing

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Acts 4:32-37

Levites were often wealthy and very well educated, but not all were priests . . .
Levites served in the temple, keeping watch over the gates, policing the area, instructing, and copying the Torah.

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So, who was Barnabas?

Acts 9:26-30

Acts 9:31

News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

Acts 11:22

Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to
look for Saul . . .

Acts 11:25

... and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

Acts 11:26

καὶ εὐρὼν (Acts 11:26)

καὶ εὐρὼν (Luke 15:5)

Acts 14:15-17

Experienced workers today do a noble work when, instead of trying to carry all the burdens themselves, they train younger workers and place burdens on their shoulders.

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Paul's heart burned with a love for sinners, and he put all his energies into the work of soul winning. There never lived a more self-denying, persevering worker.

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This desertion caused Paul to judge Mark unfavourably, and even severely, for a time. Barnabas, on the other hand, was inclined to excuse him because of his inexperience. He felt anxious that Mark should not abandon the ministry, for he saw in him qualifications that would fit him to be a useful worker for Christ.

In after years his solicitude in Mark's behalf was richly rewarded, for the young man gave himself unreservedly to the Lord and to the work of proclaiming the gospel message in difficult fields. Under the blessing of God, and the wise training of Barnabas, he developed into a valuable worker.

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