

Encouraging Disciples to Grow

Lesson 3 — Student Guide

Prepare for class: Read Acts 9:26–31

Lesson Goal

The goal of this lesson is to answer the following question: **How does God use mature Christians to encourage and strengthen other believers?**

Think

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Discussion

13. What does biblical encouragement look like?
14. How did Barnabas help Saul become a stronger disciple?
15. How can we become a "Barnabas" for someone else today?

Lesson wrap-up

How does God use mature Christians to encourage and strengthen other believers?

Final Project Checkpoint

Begin **Part 4 – Walking Together** of your Discipleship Ministry Plan

Before Lesson 4:

- Describe how you plan to encourage spiritual growth.
- Include examples of how you will:
 - Encourage new believers.
 - Lovingly correct when necessary.
 - Listen well.
 - Pray with and for those you disciple.
 - Walk beside them patiently as they mature.