

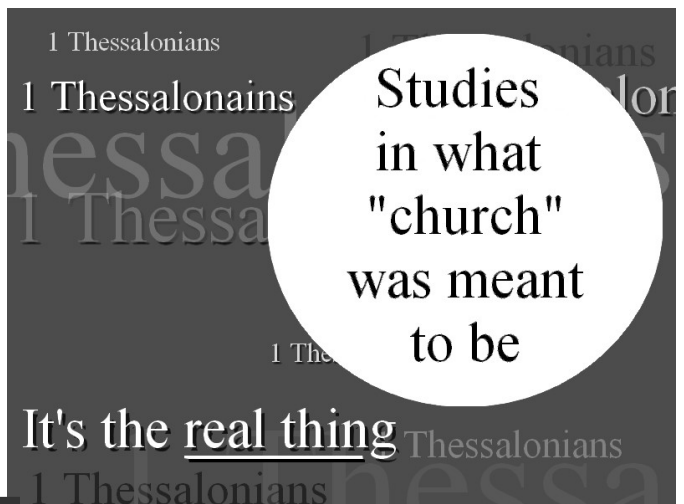
# Effective Encouragement

1 Thessalonians 2:6-16

## Getting Started

As a group look up Acts 4:36 and discover the meaning of the name "Barnabas."

1. Who has been an "encourager" in your life?
2. What has he/she done that has been particularly effective in your life?
3. What would you like to do this week to Encourage someone else?



**In the Word** (Hebrews 10:24-25, 2 Thes. 2:16-17, and 1 Thes. 2:6-16)

Groups are not expected to discuss all questions!

(Hebrews 10:24-24 and 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17) The call to "encourage" other believers is found throughout the New Testament.

1. What do you think it means for someone to "encourage" another? What are they to encourage them to do?
2. How did these passages indicate someone was to encourage another? Can you think of other ways to encourage?
3. When are Christians to encourage other believers? What does this say about Sunday morning assemblies? Bible classes? Community Groups? Eating together? Working together in a ministry? Time together at school or a job site?
4. Why do you think the act of "encouraging" receives this much emphasis in the New Testament? Does it receive the same emphasis today? Why or why not?

(1 Thessalonians 2:6-16) Paul's letter to the Thessalonians reveals a great deal about the relationship they shared and his hopes for their life in Christ.

1. List some of the ways Paul demonstrated his concern for the Thessalonians. Why would this have enhanced his effectiveness? In what ways could you be more effective in encouraging others?
2. What was Paul's purpose for encouraging the Thessalonians? Were there signs he had been successful?
3. Why would people encourage one another today? How could we know we had been successful?

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