

TO GO

1. Describe a personal hobby or passion that you love to talk about with others. What makes it a source of such joy? How does it capture your imagination and conversation?
2. Read Acts 4:32–37. In what ways does Barnabas put “skin in the game”? Why is this important for connecting to God’s mission?
3. Read Acts 9:26–31. How does Barnabas take a risk on Paul? Read Acts 15:36–41. How does he take a risk on John Mark? Why is this ironic? How does God bless the risks taken by Barnabas to advance his purpose through Paul and John Mark?
4. Read Acts 11:19–30. How does God use Barnabas to encourage the church? What was required of Barnabas for this to happen?
5. Read Acts 15:1–12. What is the church wrestling with here? Why is it such a consequential situation? How do Barnabas and Paul get involved? Why might it have been intimidating for these two to do what they did? How did their willingness to move toward the messy middle produce fruit in the life of the church?
6. In what ways is God calling you to “connect” with his heart for the world? Review the primary application points from the message and discuss how you sense the Lord leading you. Then, make a commitment to follow through this week.