



Unwrapping Spiritual Gifts
Oct 27
Acts 4:36-37

Leaders Guide
(Approximately 60 min)



Connect Spend time allowing group members to connect with one another relationally. (5 min)



Celebrate Ask how they've seen God working in their lives since you met last. (or relating to the previous meeting's discussion) (5 min)



Coach Facilitate discussion using the guide below (30 min)

Focus: The Gift of Encouragement – Barnabas

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Read through Acts 4:36-37 and share a couple of things that stand out to you.

Can you think of someone in your life who is an encouraging person?



Overview:

In the message Sunday we discovered how the gift of encouragement strengthens and uplifts the church

The gift of encouragement isn't just about what we say—it's about bringing Jesus into every situation. There are people around us who are weighed down by depression, discouragement, fear, and anxiety—living in defeat.

Christian encouragement isn't just offering kind words. It's about bringing Jesus into the lives of those in darkness, those bound by insecurities, anxieties, and failures.

When we speak the name of Jesus, we offer the ultimate encouragement— we present to the world the name above every name that brings hope, healing, and transformation.



Discussion Questions:

Question 1: **Reflecting on Encouragement:** Can you share a time when someone encouraged you and how it impacted your life or your faith journey?

Question 2: **Barnabas and Paul:** In Acts 9:26-28, Barnabas vouched for Paul and helped integrate him into the church. What do you think would have happened to Paul's ministry if Barnabas had not stepped up? How can we step up for others in similar ways?

Question 3: **Encouraging Others:** Think of someone in your life who might need encouragement right now. What practical steps can you take this week to encourage them?

Question 4: **Encouragement in Action:** How do you see encouragement at work in our church? What are some ways we, as a church, can foster a culture of encouragement?

EXPERIENCE: A time to apply



Here is a spiritual assignment: In your quiet time this week pray and reflect about the Spiritual Gifts.

In response to what you learned about encouragement reflect on the following questions:

Who does the Lord want you to encourage this week?

Who in your life could use some uplifting, encouraging words from you?



Communicate

Share important information items with your group. (5 min)



Care

Spend time praying as a group. You may want to take specific prayer requests from your team members. (10 min)
