Lesson 9 - Planning to be a DMM Catalyst - Barnabas

7 Ongoing Elements in a Movement (7 Ways to Raise the Sails for Movement)

1. **Focus on God's Word** (palms up and hands together like a book)
2. **Multiply Extraordinary Prayer** (Cross arms like an X)
3. **Cast Vision** (like you're holding a fishing pole and casting line)
4. **Train Believers to go out among the lost** (like your curling dumbbells)
5. **Go Out Among the lost** (point upward and to the side)
6. **See Groups Start** (hand roll)
7. **Ongoing Coaching** (baseball signals with your hands)

How to be an effective DMM catalyst

Many look to the Apostle Paul as the ideal cross-cultural worker. The reality, however, is that either in terms of gifting or strategic effectiveness (or both), most of us will probably be more effective in a catalytic role like Barnabas than a role like Paul's. Maybe instead of aspiring to be like Paul, we should aspire to be like Barnabas and look for "Saul's" to help make into a "Paul's" (especially if we're living in radically cross-cultural situations).

Have the large group get into small groups of 4.

To better internalize the Scripture, have everyone open up their own Bible to each passage and alternate who reads each set of Scriptures.

See what God might be trying to instruct us on how to be effective DMM catalyst like Barnabas.

Acts 4:36-37
Acts 9:23-27
Acts 11:22-30
Acts 12:25
Acts 13:1-3
Acts 13:4-13
Acts 13:42-52
Acts 14:11-20
Acts 15:1-2,12
Acts 15:22-26
Acts 15:35-39
Gal 2:1, 9
Gal 2:11-14
1 Cor. 9:1-6
Col 4:10, 2 Tim 4:11, Philemon 1:23-24

Make 2 Lists:

a. What can we discern about Barnabas' character?
b. What are the key roles Barnabas played?
***Examples are provided on the last page.

What are the key lessons we should remember when seeking to catalyze DMMs today?

Take Action

- Take 10 minutes to pray through the lists and ask God:

    - if there's any aspect of your character that He would like to grow or mature, so that you could become more like Barnabas.
    - for some specific things He would like you to do, to become more effective like Barnabas was.
- Write at least one "I will" statement**.**
- Who do you need to share this with this week?

<u>Challenge this Week</u>

- Spend time praying each day that the aspect of Barnabas's character that stood out to you would be manifested in your own life.
- Do your "I will" statement and share passages with someone.

EXAMPLES FROM THE **“MAKE 2 LISTS”** EXERCISE

Some things you may discover about Barnabas’ character we can IMITATE:

- Full of Spirit
- Respected
- Humble
- Generous
- Credible
- Willing to travel, not a complainer
- “a good man”, and “a dear friend”
- Discerning
- Comfortable to release others for ministry
- Sinful
- Capable of hypocrisy

Some things you may discover about Barnabas’ role that we can DO:

- Fast, pray, worship
- Take risks on scary people
- Sacrifice our own ministry for others
- Connect key people from one city to another
- Travel to preach, connect, encourage, appoint elders, bring aid
- Advocate for key people
- Model ministry to others including teaching & preaching
- See and develop others potential & capacity
- Evaluate and discern movements
- Encourage faithfulness in others
- Share authority
- Work for funds when necessary to keep going
- Give 2nd chance to people (John Mark)
- Submit as much as possible and be respectful to leaders
- Disciple and mentor others (John Mark, Paul, others)