1. Read Galatians 1: 11-24.

a. What was Paul known for before his conversion? (verse 13)

b. How zealous was he as a Jew? (verse 14)

c. What did Paul not do immediately after his conversion? (verses 16-17)

d. Who did he see when he got to Jerusalem? (verses 18-19)

e. What was the general word that was getting out about Paul among the churches in Judea? (verses 22-23)

2. Read Acts 9:23-30.

a. What did Paul experience at the hands of the Jews in Damascus? (verses 23-24)

b. How did he escape them? (verse 25)

c. What kind of reception did he receive when got to Jerusalem? (verse 26)

d. How important was the role Barnabas played at this point in Paul’s life? (verse 27)

e. What does the language of verse 27 imply about how to help a discouraged person?

f. What did Barnabas say to Peter and James (Galatians 1:18-29)? (verse 27)

g. Those who were once afraid of Paul (verse 26) soon came to his aid (verses 29-30). What might have happened to Paul if Barnabas had not stepped in as an encouraging advocate?

3. Read Acts 2:11-14.

a. As Gentiles began to be converted in Antioch, a problem arose between Jewish and Gentile believers over Jewish customs and requirements. Who was the first leader Paul chastised? (verse 11)

b. Why was Peter acting hypocritically? (verse 12)

c. Who was also entrapped in the move to ostracize the Gentile believers? (verse 13)

d. How did Paul react to their actions? (verse 14)

e. How do you compare Paul and Barnabas being on opposite sides of the issue with the other occasion when they found themselves differing? (Acts 15:37-39)

f. In light of the situation in Antioch, what weakness must encouragers like Barnabas be on guard against?

g. What will they sometimes need to do that goes against their normal tendencies?