**Running With The Giants: Barnabas**

**May-27/28, 2023**

**Speaker: Jake Walker**

Below are study questions that will help you and your Life Group dig deeper into this weekend’s sermon. Feel free to only use those which best fit your group’s allotted time.

**Scripture Reflection:** Read **Acts 9:26-28 (NIV) & 1 Sam 23:15-17 (NIV).** Spend a few minutes reflecting on the passages, and then ask the group to share what stands out.

**Application Questions:**

1. In teaching from Barnabas’s life, Jake shared, *“There is a word for giving someone courage. That word is ENCOURAGE.”* 
   1. How would you rate yourself as someone who gives others courage? What is the best example of encouragement you have ever experienced?
   2. As you consider your life, would you say you spend more time around “encouragers” or “discouragers”? How might that need to change?
2. Jake taught, *“Encouragement generously flows from a heart transformed by the Gospel.”*
   1. Share how the Gospel has transformed your ability to live as an encourager? If you desire growth as an encourager, what are some things you can start doing that might help with that?
3. Jake stated, *“Encouragement empowers God’s plans in other people’s lives.”*
   1. How has the encouragement of others empowered God’s plans in your life? Share an example of your encouragement to someone else that helped empower God’s plan in their life?
4. Jake encouraged, *“The best encouragement encourages others towards Christ.”*
   1. Is there anyone in your sphere of influence that needs to be encouraged towards Christ? What are some of the ways you might step into that role with this person(s)?

**Closing & Prayer**: [set aside sufficient time for prayer]

* Pray for the personal prayer request(s) of those in your group
* Pray that those at CA would be a church that encouragers others
* Pray that God would continue to bless and grow our “in person” attendance in 2023