



# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## **Sermon Questions: Acts 4:32-37, Acts 15:36-41**

1. **(OPTIONAL ICEBREAKER QUESTION)** If you've ever had a nickname (or do now), what was it and how did you receive that nickname? Be brave!
2. Read Acts 4:32-37. What do you think it means to be generous? What evidence do you have from these verses that the early church was indeed a generous community of people? How does Barnabas demonstrate the generous heart that God was forming in him?
3. What risks did people have to take in order to live the generous lives described in this passage from Acts 4?
4. What have you personally discovered about the difficulties and blessings of living a generous life?
5. Next Sunday, November 22 is Commitment Sunday- how do you feel God is calling you to act as you have prayed and reflected over the commitment card? As we enter the second year of our Raise the Sails generosity journey, have there been challenges when you consider renewing or making a financial investment in the mission of First Prez at this time?
6. Out of all the ways Barnabas earned his nickname that Tim Shaw outlined in his sermon, which is most impressive to you and why is it so?
  - Bridge Builder: Acts 9:17-30
  - A Good Person Full of the Holy Spirit and Faith: Acts 11:1-30
  - Mentor: Acts 13:1-14
  - All In: Acts 14:1-28
  - Guardian of the Faith: Acts 15:1-12
  - Life-Changer: Acts 15:36-41
7. Read Acts 15:36-41. In addition to the financial gift Barnabas gave to the church, how did he live up to his nickname "the Son of Encouragement" in this passage from Acts 15? How do you explain the response of Paul to John Mark? How do you explain Barnabas' decision to take Mark with him? Who's leadership style resonates with you the most, Paul's or Barnabas'? Explain.
8. Share prayer requests and pray for one another.