

PBC Growing in Christ

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Class Norms

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a field of tall grass. The background is a sunset sky with soft, golden light breaking through the clouds. The cross is the central focus of the image, symbolizing faith and community.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

Growing in Christ

- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



Growing in Christ

To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)





Encourage

Acts 9:26-28

“When have you recently seen encouragement in action?”

Scripture

Acts 9:26-28

26 When he arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, since they did not believe he was a disciple. **27** Barnabas, however, took him and brought him to the apostles and explained to them how Saul had seen the Lord on the road and that the Lord had talked to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. **28** Saul was coming and going with them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.



Encouragement

Acts 9:26-28, 11:21-26

When have you felt like the new kid on the block?



Encourage

Acts 9:26-28

Why was Saul's acceptance by the apostles and the Jerusalem church so important?

Because Saul's personal experience with Jesus, as powerful as it was, needed to be examined by the church in light of the teaching entrusted to the apostles. Saul's examination by the Jerusalem church reminds us of the balance of a believer's personal experience and the church's understanding of the Christian faith.

Scripture

Acts 11:21-24

21 The Lord's hand was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord. **22** News about them reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to travel as far as Antioch. **23** When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged all of them to remain true to the Lord with devoted hearts, **24** for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And large numbers of people were added to the Lord.



Encouragement Acts 11:21-24

How can we intentionally grow into the role of an encourager?”

What role did encouragement play in the church at Antioch?

Scripture

Acts 11:25-26

25 Then he went to Tarsus to search for Saul, 26 and when he found him he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught large numbers. The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.



Question Scripture Acts 11:25-26

What might hold us back from offering encouragement to others?”

What is our responsibility toward someone who has faded from view?



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Express thanks. Express thanks to someone who has been an encouragement to you.

Evaluate your life. Consider whether people are encouraged by your example or actions. Consider what you might need to change to be an encourager like Barnabas.

Encourage each other. Share ways each person in the group lives out one or more of the character traits in the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).



Final thoughts about Encouragement

Encouragement strengthens relationships.

As we have received encouragement, we should offer the same support to someone else. **Our relationships will be strengthened when we open our hearts this way.**



Final thoughts about Encouragement

Remember!!!!

“We are going love the hell out
you!

Resources

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Acts 4:36, 9:29-30, 26:28, 11:27-30

1 Peter 4:16

[Bible.com](https://www.bible.com)



Next Week: July 5, 2020
Forgive

Matthew 18:21-33

When was the last time it
cost you a lot to fix
something?



God Bless You!

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