**DMM Basics  
  
Lesson 8 – Character Study: Barnabas***Planning to be a DMM Catalyst*

1. **Review** If you are doing lessons on a weekly basis do this at the beginning of the session and review your “I will” commitments. If you are doing a training over several days, do this each morning.
2. **Review the Invitation:** We are inviting you to do the following elements in an ongoing way**.**

* **Focus on God’s Word (**Put aside extra-Biblical traditions: Christian, organizational, cultural)
* **Multiplying extraordinary prayer**
* **Go** out among the lost
* See groups **start** (note that outsiders would typically turn the contact over to a near-neighbor if at all possible and let them start the group)
* **Cast vision**
* **Train believers** to go out among the lost and train believers.
* **On-going coaching**

1. **The role of Barnabas**

Many look to the Apostle Paul as the quintessential 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 Paul. Maybe instead of aspiring to be like Paul, we should aspire to be like Barnabas and look for “Sauls” to help make into a “Pauls” (especially if we’re living in radically cross-cultural situations).

In small groups, read the following texts together and see what God might teach you about how to be an effective catalyst:

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 1:24

* **Make two lists:**

a. What can we discern about Barnabas’ **character**?

b. What are the key **roles** Barnabas played?

* **Then discuss key lessons useful for those seeking to catalyze DMMs today.**

1. **Reflection**:
2. Take 10 minutes to pray through the lists you have made and ask God:

* if there’s any area of character in which He would like to grow you, to become more like Barnabas.
* for some specific things He would like you to do, to become more effective as a “Barnabas.”

1. Write at least one “I will” statement, and

* write who you will share this “I will” statement with and ask them to hold you accountable.
* write the date on which you plan to evaluate yourself – how well you have accomplished this action.

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

* 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
* En-courage 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)