

Week beginning 15th November 2015

The Church's culture

Encouraging

Life Groups at



St Barnabas

Welcome

What has most surprised you in the last week?



15 mins 15/11

Worship

Read Romans 12:3-8. Pray for any individuals or groups in the church who need encouragement.
Sing some songs.



20 mins 15/11

Word

Read Acts 15:36-41

Barnabas means 'son of encouragement'. Does this incident show him living up to his name?

What does this incident teach us about dealing with conflict in the church?

What examples from the Bible can you think of, which show that God is a God of second chances?

Read Acts 20

This passage is Paul's farewell to the church leaders from Ephesus, where he has spent a considerable time and is probably close to many people. He has this last opportunity to encourage them face to face.

How can we grow more encouragers in the church? How can we encourage our leaders?

What has been our experience of the grace of God?

Paul has proclaimed the whole will of God. Why do we have a tendency to emphasize only bits of it?

How can we know what is sound teaching?

What dangers does Paul warn the Ephesian elders about?

What is the task of Christian leaders?



45 mins 15/11

Witness

We will be distributing leaflets about our Christmas services at the beginning of December. Pray about our publicity this Christmas and consider whether you can deliver to a road in the parish. There will be a list to sign up at the back of church.



10 mins 15/11