

**Welcome to the  
Common Ground Café!**



**Sunday, August 20, 2017**

**Love the Fellowship for Life  
A Study of 1 John 3:16**

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Our August sermon series is called “3:16.” We’re looking at four passages that fall at the third chapter and the sixteenth verse of a Bible book.

On the first week we looked at C\_\_\_\_\_ 3:16. Fill in that blank and read the passage.

On the second week we looked at J\_\_\_\_\_ 3:16. Fill in that blank and read the passage.

This week our series continues with 1 John 3:16. Read the passage.

Barnabas was a good example of someone who laid down his life for other believers. Five groups needed Barnabas’ encouragement. In the sermon, Pastor Tom led us to make five commitments in light of what we learn from Barnabas. Use your sermon notes to fill in the blanks as you come to each point below.

**First: I will encourage**

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Read Acts 9:26-27.

What was the general reaction of the Jerusalem disciples to Paul’s presence and why?

How do you think Barnabas discovered Paul’s conversion story while others were avoiding him?

Why do we sometimes hesitate to interact, get to know, or connect with new attenders in our church?

## **Second: I will encourage**

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Read Acts 11:20-23.

How might the outcome in 11:23 have been different had a person with an Acts 9:26 attitude been sent?

What qualities made Barnabas the man for the job?

What do new believers need from maturing believers?

## **Third: I will encourage**

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Read Acts 11:23.

According to 11:23, who was included in Barnabas' ministry of encouragement? ("He encouraged \_\_\_\_\_")

What phrase in 11:24 describes something that encourages Christian workers the most?

## **Fourth: I will encourage**

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Read Acts 11:25-26.

What did Barnabas know about Paul's gift? (Acts 9:27)

In Ephesians 3:7-9 how does Paul describe his gift?

What does Ephesians 4:7 & 11-12 say about "each one of us"?

According to Ephesians 4:16, should every believer find his or her place of ministry? Why?

(If you haven't found your place of service, register for Herb Ingram's "Finding Your PLACE of Service" this fall. Go online to [www.hillcrest.church/hill](http://www.hillcrest.church/hill).)

**Fifth: I will encourage**

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Read Acts 15:36-40.

What does this passage say about Barnabas?

Pastor Tom said, "We need to see failure as a verb, not a noun."  
What's the difference?

According to 1 John 2:1-2, how does God deal with our failures?



Close with praise reports and prayer requests