



“Bold Around the Block” | Paul and Barnabas

GETTING STARTED: Brooks mentioned 10 body parts that are only three letters long in the English language. How many can you remember as a group?

EXPLORE THE TOPIC

1. At the time of Paul’s bold words in Antioch, Jews had no dealings with Samaritans. With whom does the church have no dealings with today? With whom do you have no dealings?
2. Why were the Jews jealous of Paul and Barnabas in Acts 13:44-45? What actions did the Jews take based on that jealousy?
3. Where does jealousy creep up in your life? How can that jealousy impact your ability to make a bold impact in the lives of all people?
4. Put yourself in Paul’s shoes. One minute you’re speaking to almost the entire city and the next minute the crowd is hostile! What might Paul have been feeling at this point? What response might he have been tempted to make? How did Paul respond?
5. Paul had been filled with a certain level of righteous indignation just a few years prior to this interaction with the hostile Jews. How might that have prepared him to act boldly? How can a person’s past uniquely prepare them to be bold with a wide array of people?
6. Read Acts 13:46-47 and Isaiah 49:6. Why were Paul and Barnabas committed to reaching the Gentiles? Why were the Jewish people so resistant to this concept?

7. Albany, New York is the least Bible minded city and the 8th most churchless city in the America. It is the 13th most unfriendly city in the world. Why is it important for South Side to have established partnerships with places like Christ’s Church Albany? Why is it important that we take mission trips to serve alongside the church?

8. What impact did Paul’s words have on the Gentiles in Acts 13:48? What encouragement does this offer us as we consider being bold with people that are different or potentially “off limits?”

9. Next Sunday, May 21, is Re-Commitment Sunday. How are you preparing for this service? How can this group be praying for you?

APPLY THE TRUTH

Use this “Bold: Heroes of the Uncharted” sermon series to become more acquainted with several New Testament characters. Use the “Field Guide” (available at the “Uncharted” wall) to review the background of Paul and Barnabas and read more about their story in scripture.

PRAYER

God, please give me the same boldness of Paul and Barnabas. Use my past experiences and present resources to help connect others to the life-changing, life-giving message of Jesus. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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