



# PORTRAITS

## Group Guide



### 1 Corinthians 9:3-12

3 This is my defense to those who sit in judgment on me. 4 Don't we have the right to food and drink? 5 Don't we have the right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas? 6 Or is it only I and Barnabas who lack the right to not work for a living?

7 Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink the milk? 8 Do I say this merely on human authority? Doesn't the Law say the same thing? 9 For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it about oxen that God is concerned? 10 Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because whoever plows and threshes should be able to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. 11 If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? 12 If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more?

But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.

## Barnabas // July 28, 2024

1. What encourages you? Give some examples of the ways in which you like to be encouraged.
2. Can you think of a person who went the extra mile for you? What did they do and how did it make you feel?
3. Read Acts 4:32-37. What are the things that are stopping us from living this way?
4. How do you think giving in today's society is viewed? What about in today's church?
5. Read Acts 9:19b-28. Share about a time that someone cared for you like Barnabas did for Saul. OR Share about a time you did that for someone.
6. What are some ways in which your Community Group and even our church cares or could care for people in our community?
7. Read Acts 13:44-52. What stands out to you most about this story?
8. Have you ever been humbled? In what ways?
9. Have you ever chosen to be humbled?
10. What are you going to do as an individual to encourage someone this week?





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## [LEADERS NOTES]

### RESOURCES TO HELP YOU FOLLOW JESUS

- [centralheights.ca/followjesus](https://centralheights.ca/followjesus)

### STORIES

- We love hearing how God moves in people's lives. If you or anyone in your group has a story and would be willing to share, we'd love to hear it and celebrate with you. You can share your story by emailing [stories@centralheights.ca](mailto:stories@centralheights.ca)

### MESSAGE Video and Audio can be found at:

<https://www.centralheights.ca/currentseries>