

Balcony People

I. Introduction

- A. The "Church" is about forming little "Jesus communities" where we " _____ " together.
- B. Acts 4:36-37 (NAS) ³⁶Now Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also called Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means Son of Encouragement), ³⁷and who owned a tract of land, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.
1. "Hellenists" were Israelites who were born elsewhere. They were regarded as _____.
- C. "We're going to change Joseph's name to ' _____, Son of Encouragement.'"
- D. "Balcony people" believe, that with _____ help, people can _____!
- E. Acts 9:28 (NAS) *And he was with them, moving about freely in Jerusalem, speaking out boldly in the name of the Lord.*
- F. _____ can be a "balcony person" in other people's lives! If you really _____ to be!
- G. Acts 11:20-21 (NLT) ²⁰However, some of the believers who went to Antioch from Cyprus and Cyrene began preaching to the Gentiles about the Lord Jesus. ²¹The power of the Lord was with them, and a large number of these Gentiles believed and turned to the Lord.
1. _____ is the church in Jerusalem going to send to Antioch to check this out?
- H. Acts 11:23-24 (NLT) ²³When he arrived and saw this evidence of God's blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord. ²⁴Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith. And many people were brought to the Lord.
1. Saul had become " _____ " after he became a Christian.
 2. "Balcony people" can see things in others that _____ sees.
- I. Acts 13:2 (NLT) *One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Dedicate Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them."*

- J. Acts 14:1 (NLT) *Paul and Barnabas went to the Jewish synagogue and preached with such power that a great number of both Jews and Greeks became believers.*
1. Barnabas' _____ is in recognizing and developing " _____ " in somebody else!
 2. "In the Kingdom of God, the _____ are the _____ of all."
- K. Acts 13:13 (NLT) *Paul and his companions then left Paphos by ship for Pamphylia, landing at the port town of Perga. There John Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem.*
- L. Acts 15:36-40 (NLT) ³⁶After some time Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's go back and visit each city where we previously preached the word of the Lord, to see how the new believers are doing." ³⁷Barnabas agreed and wanted to take along John Mark. ³⁸But Paul disagreed strongly, since John Mark had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in their work. ³⁹Their disagreement was so sharp that they separated. Barnabas took John Mark with him and sailed for Cyprus. ⁴⁰Paul chose Silas, and as he left, the believers entrusted him to the Lord's gracious care.
1. Romans 8:28 (NAS) *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*
- M. II Timothy 4:11 (NLT) *Only Luke is with me. Bring Mark with you when you come, for he will be helpful to me in my ministry.*
- N. Hebrews 10:25 (NAS) *Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*
1. Those of you who are already in a Small Group, you need to make a decision that you're going to be a " _____ " in that group.
 2. If you're _____ already in a Small Group, after the service go out in the lobby and check out several of our groups!

II. Conclusion