



## *The iHad Went Challenge*

### Day Three

#### Passage:

Acts 11:19-26

#### Principles:

##### **Enlisting others in the task will hasten its completion.**

Barnabas is one of my favorite heroes from the Bible. If you ever want to do a study on servant leadership, just trace Barnabas through the book of Acts. One of his best moments came here in chapter 11. The church in Jerusalem sent Barnabas to Antioch to follow up on reports that some Gentiles had become Christ followers there. Barnabas arrives, finds that the rumors are true, and immediately begins encouraging the believers in Antioch. Many more people were brought to the Lord as a result of Barnabas' shepherding the flock. The church was growing and Barnabas was leading the way.

And in the very next verse Barnabas leaves town. He heads down to Tarsus to find a guy named Saul (by the way, we haven't seen or heard from Saul since he fled from Jerusalem), and brings him back to Antioch to plug him into the ministry there. Together Barnabas and Saul spend a year teaching the believers in Antioch, building the church, and preparing for a movement of God among Gentiles all across the world. Barnabas enlisted Paul in the work in Antioch, and God used the time in Antioch to prepare the greatest missionary the world has ever seen.

So what about you? Will you see yourself as a mobilizer now that you are back in the states? Who will be your Paul? Who needs to get involved in missions? Who would be great at doing what you just did? Who will you recruit and enlist in the ancient work? God didn't put you in this situation just so you would have a cool story. He wants to now use you as an advocate for his work around the world. Like Barnabas, be intentional about finding others that need to be involved, and then do everything you can to get them in.

#### Prayer:

Thank you Lord for opening my eyes to see the world more like you see it. Thank you for the experiences, the stories, and the work that you entrusted to my care. And now that I have seen a glimpse of the needs in the world, will you help me to become a mobilizer? Show me others that need to get involved in your ancient global work. Grant me opportunities to invite others to engage the bottom line. Guard me against the temptation to protect what I think is "my ministry," and help me call others to the fields in order to build your kingdom and spread your fame.

#### Plan:

- Make a list of people you know that would be great at doing what you just did.
- Pray for those people, that God would make clear their enlistment in the global task.
- Look for and take advantage of opportunities to speak to others about how they can get involved in missions. Lead a group of students in your youth group through the iGo Challenge.