

Series: GENEROUS

Title: Encouragement 2.0

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1. From Proverbs 12:18, 18:21, 25:11 and Ephesians 4:29, how do you define encouragement?
2. Bob mentioned that a friend gave him a book called The Paradox of Generosity. What did the researchers discover and how does that relate to Acts 10:25?
3. The New Testament uses the word encourage over one hundred times. What does the original word (para-kaleo) mean?
4. In John 14:16-18 the Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the Paraclete. How does Jesus describe the encouraging work of the Spirit in that passage?
5. What is Encouragement 2.0 and how is it an upgrade?
6. In the New Testament who is the Patron Saint of Encouragement? From Acts 4:36-37 how did he earn that reputation? In your opinion, is there a relationship between giving and encouragement? From Acts 9:26-27 and 11:25-26 how did Barnabas show encouragement at the 2.0 level?
7. (BTW Jonathan is the Old Testament Patron Saint). How would you compare those two men in the way they encouraged?
8. At this stage of life, whom can you picture coming alongside to encourage?
9. In Acts 15:37-41 Paul and Barnabas have a sharp disagreement about whether or not to take John Mark along with them on their next mission. Imagine the arguments they each could make. If you were the one to decide what would you have done?
10. In Exodus 17:10-13 Moses ran out of encouragement. Who is a leader you see that could use some encouragement?
11. Looking at Hebrews 3:13, how often do the people around us need encouragement?
12. What are some ways your group does a good job of encouraging each other and people outside your group? What other things can you do to strengthen your encouraging muscles?