



Biblical Counselling UK

# Talking Church

How personal conversations  
grow local congregations

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## SESSION 5

# Encouraging conversations

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# Encouraging conversations

What encourages you?



# Encourage one another as you meet

## Hebrews 10:24-25

*24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*



# What does it mean to encourage?

- To be near
- Soothing, consoling
- Strengthening, giving courage

Comfort  
*(2 Cor 1)*    ⇄    Encouragement  
*(Heb 10)*



# But what actually encourages us?

## Joshua 1:5-6

*5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.*



But what actually encourages us?

## John 16:33

*33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But **take heart; I have overcome the world.***



# But what actually encourages us?

- The grace of God in Jesus
- ...expressed in *words* (1 Thess 4)
- ...and in *works* (2 Cor 7)



# Giving and receiving encouragement

- We come alongside: a 'with-ness'
- We bear witness to the grace of God in Jesus
- Others see and hear and experience that grace
- And are soothed and strengthened





# Channels of encouragement

- 2 Cor 1: a waterfall of comfort



# Channels of the Encourager

## **John 14:26**

*26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.***

## **John 15:26**

*26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, **he will bear witness about me.***



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## Discussion

Turn in groups and share a recent moment where someone encouraged you.



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Story–telling...



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## Scene 1 | Acts 9

Sarah's Slice of Encouragement

## Scene 2 | Acts 15

Dave's Slice of Encouragement

## Scene 3 | Acts 11

Emily's Slice of Encouragement



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Scene 1 | Acts 9



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## Acts 9:26-27:

When he (Saul) came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. But Barnabus took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.





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## Sarah's Slice of Encouragement



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Scene 2 | Acts 15



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## 2 Timothy 4:11:

Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.



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## Dave's Slice of Encouragement



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Scene 3 | Acts 11



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## Acts 11:23–24:

When he arrived, and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.



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## Emily's Slice of Encouragement



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