# 8. Discipling Christians

# **Introductory Discussion**

(10 minutes)

- 1. How have you gone praying for identifying, and discipling a person of peace?
- 2. Were you discipled as a young Christian? Did an older Christian 'take you under their wing'? Or have you ever discipled someone? What did it look like? How did it help?

#### **Discuss the Text**

(10 minutes)

Acts 18.24-26 Acts 11.25-26 1Cor 4.15-17

You may want to choose one or two of the above passages. Prior to watching the video, ask two or three people in the group to read the passage in a different translation. Some translations to consider (these are available in the YouVersion Bible app or other apps, or use your own hardcopy Bibles):

ESV (English Standard Version) or LSB (Legacy Standard Bible)

CSB (Christian Standard Bible) or NIV (New International Version)

NLT (New Living Translation) or GNB (Good News Bible)

Then discuss the following:

- As a group, retell the story without looking at the text.
- Is there anything you don't understand? (See if the group has any wisdom)
- Does anything stand out to you?
- How do you think things would have gone differently without these discipling relationships?
- What can we learn from this passage about following Jesus today?

# **Teaching Video**

(20 minutes)

Watch the accompanying teaching video <7. Jesus' Discipleship Strategy>

#### Leaders Notes

• The teaching mostly recaps and summarises the principles outline in previous sessions and applies them to discipling Christians.

#### Discussion

- Did anything stand out to you in this week's teaching?
- Can you identify a Paul, Barnabas or Timothy (or all three) in your life? How might you go about finding them?
- What would stop you from discipling someone? How can you overcome this barrier?
- Discipling believers in Christ is vital but what might be the danger of focusing exclusively on Christian discipleship and not looking for pre-Christian people of peace to disciple?
- What will you do as a result of today's study?

# Pray

Spend a few minutes praying for each other that God will help you grow and enable you to help someone else to grow.