

Introduction

Many times I have wondered what it must have been like in 'Barny's Bible class' at Antioch. The class began in Acts 11:22-24. The need for it arose when people tuned in to the Good News about the Lord Jesus and then turned to the Lord themselves.

Barnabas saw evidence that God was at work in the lives of these people (verse 23). His task was then twofold. Firstly, he encouraged them in their new-found relationship with God, and secondly, he helped them in evangelism among the people around and about (verses 23-24).

The class continued for more than a year. Barnabas brought in a young teacher called Saul and the two of them schooled the believers in Christian truth and Christlikeness (verses 25-26). As they raised the standard for Christ, so they raised the standard of Christian living. The Lord gave them great success. The people of Antioch could clearly see the difference between those in the class and those not in it. The students were so much like Jesus Christ and so taken up with his teaching that those who knew them called them 'Christians'.

This **practical discipleship course** has developed from material originally compiled for weekly study classes led by Brenda and Colin Salter for Redruth Baptist Church, Cornwall, England. It is offered here with the prayer that you will be able to grow in your Christian walk and witness as you follow these directions to the Lord Jesus, his word and his will.

Please study the Bible passages referred to in the text. This book is not a substitute for the Bible, but rather a signpost to it.