

CHRIST CHURCH, VIRGINIA WATER SUNDAY 18TH JULY 2010

SERMON NOTES: 8.00 & 9.30 AM SERVICES

Title: "The Portrait of a Great Pastor: Acts 11:19-26"

Preacher: Ro Mody

Barnabas: A Great Pastor in the Antioch Church

What Should the Ideal Pastor Be?

1. A MAN OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Acts 11:22 News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas [**son of encouragement**] to Antioch. 23 When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and **encouraged** them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.

2. A MAN OF GOODNESS

Acts 11:24 He was a **good man**, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

When we see that the Lord is "both subject and object, source and goal, of evangelism, we have to repent of all self-centred, self-confident concepts of the Christian mission" – John Stott on Barnabas

3. A MAN OF TEACHING

Acts 11:25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and **taught great numbers of people**. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

"Therefore we see that, having forgotten about himself, all that he is concerned about is that Christ alone may be pre-eminent, that he may have only the building up of the Church in view, and that he may be content with flourishing and success of the Gospel." – John Calvin on Barnabas