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Part 2: Practical Applications for Current & Past Leaders

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- Barnabas took note of Saul at a time when others didn't see any potential in him.
 - What characteristics are important in a mentor? Why?

 - Who are the people in your country that the Lord may be preparing for leadership that have not yet been recognized or given leadership responsibilities? What can you do about this? If you don't know of any one who you think could be a leader, what will you do about this?

- Saul's initial attempts at preaching upset many people (Acts 9:28-30). So the believers sent Saul to his home town of Tarsus so that he wouldn't get killed by the Greeks in Jerusalem. We hear nothing more about Saul until Barnabas purposely went to Tarsus to bring him to Antioch to join him in the work among the Greeks.
 - Is there a nurse in your fellowship who has perhaps shown immature leadership, but that still has potential to be a good leader?

 - Barnabas took the initiative to seek out Paul to mentor by including him in ministry.
 - Who might the Lord be asking you to mentor?

 - Paul's passion for teaching and philosophical discussions was evident in his early attempts in evangelism (Acts 9:27-29) and Barnabas included him in the preaching & teaching ministry in Antioch (Acts 11:26).
 - What areas of gifting do you see in younger/new Christian nurses that you think have potential to be a leader? List them/Share them with the group.

 - What ways can you invite them to participate and provide leadership in the NCF ministry in a way that grows their spiritual giftings?

- Barnabas took primary leadership in the initial years, but then Paul began to be the main speaker/teacher. The result for the church was growth, but for Barnabas, he was no longer the main leader.
 - In what ways can current leadership come alongside a potential new nursing leader to allow & support them to take primary leadership?

 - How comfortable is the current leadership in letting new leaders take the lead?

 - What things might you (&/or current leaders) need to let go of in order to free an emerging leader to follow God's call on their life?

- Through worship & fasting God spoke to the elders of the church in Antioch about a new ministry role for Barnabas & Saul.



- Do you and others worship & fast? Do you pray for emerging leaders?

Part 3: Taking the next step (making a plan)....

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For current and past leaders:

1. What are you (your NCF) doing in regard to mentoring new leaders among Christian nurses & nursing students?
2. What plans or current practices do you have in regards to worship, prayer, and fasting? What steps can you take to strengthen or maintain this area?
3. Identify at least one or two people that you are already mentoring or that you are considering mentoring. (If you do not yet know of who God wants you to mentor, make a commitment to pray about this.)
 - It is impossible for one person to mentor everyone who would benefit from a mentor. Are there other people you think would be a good match together? Who are they? How might you encourage them to consider a mentoring relationship?
4. Set a date by which you will invite a potential nurse leader(s) into a mentoring relationship.