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And how does his prior training fit in with the Gospel message he now has?

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What did that look like?

A casual invitation to church or church function-
A friendly word during a bad day-

What does the **Barnabas Dimension** look like for those who have not yet made it through the doors of this building?

Is there a possibility to be involved in a public school setting?

Or some type of outreach to those who walk their dog by the building?

How about those who are here?

What would a mentoring program look like for someone considering fulltime ministry or missions?

Or expanded children and youth ministries? (In anticipation of more coming through the doors),

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