

Acts 18:1-4; 24-26

¹After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, ³and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

²⁴Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. ²⁵He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

Background

As we conclude our Summer of Impact series, we will take a look at a dynamic couple who played a pivotal role in the life of the apostle Paul (and many others). Priscilla and Aquila were tentmakers who befriended Paul in Corinth and gave him a place to live and work during his eighteen-month stay in the city. We can only imagine the mutual encouragement that took place during that time together. Every time Priscilla and Aquila are mentioned in the NT, we see a couple willing to use all that God had entrusted to them – their home, their jobs, their influence – to spreading the Gospel, encouraging other believers, and participating in the building of God’s kingdom. Today, Pastor Danny will help us see how we can learn from their lives and how to best put their example to practice in our own.

Service Notes

What is your biggest takeaway from today’s message?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Instructions

This discussion guide is to help you facilitate a conversation with your small group. The “Getting Started” section serves as a quick opener and introduction to the group conversation. In the “Talk it Over” section, feel free to use all or only some of the questions. Again, our hope is to have meaningful and encouraging conversations around the passage used in the sermon, not simply answer all the questions. Give each member of your group opportunity to respond. Take your time. Finally, the “Live it Out” section is to help identify a specific next step. Use these questions as a guide to find practical ways to apply the passage to our everyday life.

Getting Started

- ▼ What stood out to you in the message? What is one thought from the message that made you hopeful? What prompted questions? How can we pray for you this week?

Talk it Over

- ▼ **Read Acts 18:1-4 and 1 Corinthians 16:19.** In what ways did Priscilla and Aquila use their home to honor God and help others? What influence do you believe they had on Paul? Why is opening our homes to others (in differing ways) a great demonstration of Christlike love? What are the greatest barriers to practicing genuine hospitality to others? How can we overcome these in our lives?
- ▼ Priscilla and Aquila were tentmakers/leather workers, a skill which allowed them to build relationships, be flexible in their location, and travel with Paul to spread the Gospel. In what ways could you leverage your current work situation (job, location, skills, company) to help more people know and follow Jesus? Where and how do you think God could use your skillset/job for greater kingdom work in the future?
- ▼ **Read Acts 18:24-27.** Priscilla and Aquila used their influence to help teach Apollos the way of the Lord “more accurately.” They played a significant role in helping him prepare for the ministry God had for him. Who has played this role of Priscilla and Aquila in your life? Who are you helping right now to follow the ways of Jesus “more accurately?”

Live it Out

- ▼ What is one step you can take this week to use your job or home to help someone else know and follow Jesus more closely?