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GROUP GUIDE

This guide is designed to help you study the Scriptures and deepen your relationship with God. Use this guide by yourself or with others.

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OPEN

If new people have joined your group, take time to introduce yourselves to each other.

1. What matters to you?
2. Describe a real-life example of humility.

PRAY

Father, we invite You to lead our conversation today. Give us wisdom and understanding as we read Scripture. Help us see what You want us to see and hear what You want to speak into our lives. Give us humble hearts that are willing to learn, grow and even be challenged. Help us to be honest with You and with each other. Give us the grace to listen well, to speak with kindness, and to make this a place where people feel safe sharing their questions, struggles, and experiences. Protect the unity of this group. When we see things differently, help us respond with patience, humility and love.

Most of all, don't let this simply be a time where we gain more information. Use Your Word to shape us and change us. Show each of us how You are inviting us to respond, and give us the courage to live out what You teach us.

We surrender this time to You and trust You with whatever You want to accomplish in us.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

THE BIG IDEA

Priscilla and Aquila's story shows what happens when a couple builds their entire life around serving Christ together. As faithful partners in ministry alongside Paul, they made a lasting impact not through public recognition or prominent roles, but through relationships, hospitality and sacrifice. They brought people together, helped others grow in their faith, opened their home, shared what they had, remained faithful through challenges, and made everyday life a part of their ministry. They often worked behind the scenes, but their influence was significant.

Interesting Observation

As you study, you may notice their names are not always in the same order. Priscilla and Aquila are mentioned together six times. In four of those six references, Priscilla is named first. Scholars offer the following possible reasons:

- She may have played a more prominent role in leadership and influence.
- She may have held a higher social position.
- She may have had a stronger personality or been especially active in ministry.
- Their name order may reflect their partnership rather than a leadership hierarchy.

There is a possible pattern

- Aquila appears first when the couple is introduced in Acts 18:2 and when they send greetings in 1 Corinthians 16:19.
- Priscilla appears first when they travel for ministry, teach Apollos, are commended as fellow workers, and receive Paul's final greeting.

Some scholars see this as evidence that Priscilla played a prominent role in ministry, but with only six references, it's difficult to draw a definite conclusion.

STUDY AND DISCUSSION

READ ACTS 18:1-4

1. What circumstances brought Paul together with Aquila and Priscilla?
2. Why do you think Luke includes the detail that Paul shared the same trade as Aquila and Priscilla?
3. How might working alongside each other have strengthened their relationship and created opportunities for spiritual growth?
4. Aquila and Priscilla had been removed from Rome. This may have been devastating at first, but this is how they ended up meeting Paul! Describe a **setback** in your life (failed plans, hardship, troubled relationship or circumstances, etc.) that became a **set-up** for a new opportunity, protection, personal growth, etc.

READ ACTS 18:18-28

5. How does Luke describe Apollos? What strengths and limitations do you notice?
6. How do Priscilla and Aquila respond when they hear Apollos teaching?
7. When have you experienced someone speaking truth into your life in a way that made you feel encouraged rather than diminished?
8. How do you know when God may be calling you to speak into someone else's life rather than remain silent?
9. How did Apollos change as a result of his interaction with Priscilla and Aquila?
10. What's the difference between being spiritually knowledgeable and spiritually mature? How can we recognize the difference in ourselves?
11. What does Romans 16:3-5 tell you about the devotion of Aquila and Priscilla toward Paul and the advance of the gospel? Have you ever felt that level of commitment? Explain.
12. *When has someone...* (Select one and describe the impact it had on you.)
 - a. Opened their home to you?
 - b. Become a friend to you in ministry?
 - c. Supported you financially?
 - d. Risked their life for you?
 - e. Helped you grasp a biblical truth?
13. What fears or assumptions might keep us from investing in someone else's spiritual growth?
14. On a scale of 1 to 10, how equipped do you feel in leading others into a personal relationship with Jesus? Explain.
15. What would it look like this week to take one practical step toward helping someone else grow in faith?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Ask God what He wants you to know, then spend a few minutes quietly listening for Him to speak.

PRAYER

Share what you sensed God saying and pray for each other.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Memorizing Scripture helps us carry the words of God with us all the time, wherever we go. His Word gives light and direction and ultimately has the power to change us and deepen our relationship with Him. Here's a good verse to memorize based on this week's teaching:

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for human masters.*

Colossians 3:23 (NIV)