

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of October 3-9, 2021

## “PRISCILLA & AQUILA: A MISSIONAL COUPLE”

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### GETTING STARTED

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Describe a time when you were new to an area or situation and trying to find your way. How did you feel? Was there anyone who helped you or were you forced to fend for yourself?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Acts 18:1-3,18-28; Romans 16:3-5; 1 Corinthians 16:19; 2 Timothy 4:19.

1. Identify the work and ministry of Aquila and Priscilla. What stands out to you in these verses? If you're married, what do you learn from them about serving as a couple? If you're single, what do you learn from them that applies to your personal ministry?
2. Think about Paul's meeting with Priscilla and Aquila. What were the commonalities that helped them form a bond of friendship? Have you ever thought how “shared passions” and hospitality can become a basis for fruitful friendship, ministry and work? Can you think of an example or an experience?
3. When you consider that Aquila and Priscilla spent 18 months with Paul in Corinth, how do you think would this have strengthened and established their faith? Whether single or married, what intentional steps have you taken (or are currently taking) that you know is building your faith and love for Jesus?
4. Consider Priscilla and Aquila's relationship. Every time they're mentioned in Scripture, their names are together. What kind of qualities do you think this couple had to have a strong marriage? For the singles, what kind of qualities would you like your future spouse to have, and what kind of qualities should you possess as a husband or wife? Maybe write out a list of some of these qualities.
5. How did Aquila and Priscilla's intervention benefit Apollos? How did it benefit Apollos' audiences (cf Acts 18:27-28)? Have you been in a similar situation as Priscilla and Aquila or on the other side as Apollos? What did you do or respond? Would you do anything differently now?

6. Following God's call may involve taking a risk. Speculate Aquila and Priscilla's risks in moving from Corinth to Ephesus, then from Ephesus to Rome, then from Rome back to Ephesus. God doesn't always require a move, but what changes and/or risks might it involve to follow God's call?

7. Whether single or married, how would you define a “missional marriage”? What lessons from Priscilla and Aquila can you apply to your life right now? For the married, how can you support your spouse in making changes that would allow your relationship to become more missional? For the single, how can you arrange your life to live missionally even though you're not married?

### 8. NEXT STEPS

*The strongest marriages are those that are on mission together.*

- ☐ I will take steps to grow in my faith.
- ☐ I will seek to mentor or be mentored.
- ☐ I will listen and obey God's leading to where he wants me to go.
- ☐ I will endeavor, by the strength of the Holy Spirit, to be faithful and consistent in obeying and following God's call.

*Don't forget to:*

- ☐ Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- ☐ Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.
- ☐ Commit 30 minutes a day for God's intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

### CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray that you grow to live missionally, whether single or married.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.

### BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

October 4	Acts 18:1-11
October 5	Acts 18:12-28
October 6	Romans 16
October 7	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
October 8	Isaiah 41:1-13
October 9	Ecclesiastes 4:9-16
October 10	2 Timothy 4