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EPISODE 19: HOW TO TEACH ACTS 18:24-28

SUMMARY

This is the story of Priscilla and Aquila. A couple in the life of the church in Ephesus. Apollos was a gifted man with a deep knowledge of the Scriptures who had traveled from Alexandria, Egypt. He was reared by Jewish parents and brought up in a depth of understanding of the Old Testament. He was a learned man in many subjects with a grasp of history and languages. He embodied both charisma and urgency in his preaching. As he served in the synagogue, Priscilla and Aquila listened with intent and discernment. It became clear as he continued on, that his message was incomplete. He had understood the preparing and announcement of the Messiah through John the Baptist, but not the fulfillment in Jesus. Priscilla and Aquila took him aside (perhaps invited him to their home) and filled out his knowledge to accurately reflect the good news of Jesus. Apollos received their counsel and later went on to Achaia. His work continued, having grown in understanding and Truth, to serve others and advance the Gospel.

Who is in the Story?

Apollos - He was a rockstar! Eloquent in speech, charismatic, confident, young, bold and eager.

Priscilla and Aquila - Married couple in the life of the church, believed in Christ and were alive in the Gospel.

SPECIFICS

As you lead, it is helpful to expand understanding by talking about other ways this could have played out. Model for your women how to engage the text with curiosity and questions.

How could have Priscilla & Aquila responded to Apollos?

- They could have walked out of the synagogue during his message
- Embarrassed him in front of the whole assembly
- Heard the error, but acted disinterested with no concern for truth and orthodoxy
- Recognized Apollos did not have the full picture, but couldn't be bothered to sacrifice time and energy towards his development
- Gossiped about their concerns among the people sowing discord in the church

How Did Priscilla and Aquila respond?

- With discernment: they know what was true and could recognize what was false
- They extended hospitality, taking him aside perhaps inviting them to their home
- They demonstrated humility
- Extended gentleness in their interaction with him
- Invested time
- Worked hard to build the relationship
- Partnered in the work of the church together for the Gospel to advance

Priscilla and Aquila are instrumental in the furthering of the Gospel. The time in their home, building relationships and lovingly proclaiming the way of Jesus is the catalyst for Apollos' future work. They were present, listening, processing and taking the next right faithful step that God had put before them.

Questions to Consider

What does it mean to be invested in the church?

Would you be able to spot false doctrine?

What does it mean to be invested in the mission of God?

How do we disciple and then help others to discern where He is sending them?

Would you be willing to pour into someone who ultimately will serve somewhere else?

Believe: How does understanding Scripture move us to live unto the Lord?

As you continue the conversation around this passage where you pressed observation and comprehension, you move to applying this truth. Here are some questions to move towards living out these Gospel principles in their lives.

As you think on Apollos, would you be willing to receive correction towards Truth?
How is humility being cultivated in your life?

How do you respond when you are wrong?
What is the disposition of your heart?

Are you available and open towards God using you in others lives?

Is your marriage a place where you would be available to be helpful to others?

Live: On the ground convictions and understanding that changes today as a result of being in the Word. These are specific, concrete actions that lends itself for follow-up. At the end of this conversation you should be able to catch up with them in the future and ask, how is that going?

(Some potential questions to stir conversation to that end)

How is humility cultivated?

Are you open to feedback?

Is your home a place where others are invited?

What does it look like to know Truth?

What habits or rhythms are present in your life to cultivate a pursuit of all that is true, noble, right, pure and lovely (Philippians 4:8)?

This text gives opportunity to practice leading a gospel conversation in the Word. It is a purposeful selection, as our aim in the Kalos Track is to continually point you to places where the ground of mission is demonstrated. This text shows a married couple in the life of a church engaged and invested. We can learn the what as well as the

where in this passage. The home, the disposition of Priscilla & Aquila's marriage, their hospitality, their vision for the Gospel continuing are all a beautiful display of femininity and masculinity in partnership. As you close out your time with the women give space to explicitly bring out these themes and observations.

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