

Acts Bible Study Discussion Questions

Chapter 18

Acts 18:1-11

1. Priscilla and Aquila were apparently pretty important in the early Church—not only he, but she, as well. They are mentioned seven times in the New Testament, and five of those times, her name is mentioned first—an incredible honor to give to a woman in those days. Who were they? How did Paul meet them? What happened after he met them?
2. What is significant about Paul's being a tentmaker?
3. What was Paul's main focus in Corinth? Where and to whom was he preaching?
4. Read Ezekiel 3:17-21. Does this seem relevant to Paul's declaration in verse 6?
5. Who received Paul's teaching? Who rejected it?
6. Why do you suppose the Lord reassured Paul in a vision (verses 9-10)?
7. To whom does "them" refer in verse 11?

Acts 18:12-17

8. What does this passage show us about the attitude of Roman governors in those days?
9. What effect did the incident have on Paul? On Sosthenes?

Acts 18:18-23

10. Paul had taken a vow — what do you suppose that was about? And what's with the haircut?
11. Paul left Priscilla and Aquila in Ephesus — why?
12. What did Paul do after returning to Antioch?

Acts 18:24-28

13. Who was Apollos? Where else in the New Testament does his name occur?
14. What did Priscilla and Aquila do for Apollos?
15. Why do you suppose Apollos left Ephesus?

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Chapter 19

Acts 19:1-10

1. Why do you suppose Paul didn't stay in Corinth?
2. What might be the relationship between 19:1-2 to 18:24-25?
3. Read verses 2-6 again. What does this say about Christian baptism?
4. How do verses 8-10 demonstrate a ramping-up of Paul's ministry?

Acts 19:11-20

5. Do verses 11-12 talk about something new in Paul's ministry? Is there a modern-day counterpart to this?
6. Besides being humorous (at least to us), what does the incident in verses 13-16 convey?
7. What was the believers' reaction to the incident? Can we understand why?

Acts 19:21-41

8. Verse 21 strikes me as prophetic—do you agree?
9. What does the passage in verses 23-28 tell us about the relationship between religion and economics?
10. In verse 29, why did the people rush into the theater?
11. Discuss the roles of the various players in verses 30-31.
12. What do verses 32 and 34 show us about the people of Ephesus?
13. What is the reasoning that the city clerk is using in verses 35-36? Why do you think it was effective?