

# HOME GROUPS

## Discussion Questions for *Acts 18 "Marriage, Missionaries, and the Godly Home"* Week of March 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Warm Up** Where is the farthest place you've ever traveled to? If you're married, what's the farthest place you've gone together?

**Acts 18:2,3** introduces us to Aquila and Priscilla. They were living in the city of Corinth because they were Jews expelled from Rome. Aquila was from Pontus (modern day Northern Turkey), which was located on the southern shore of the Black Sea. In Acts 18 they move with Paul from Corinth to Ephesus. What a huge degree of mobility they display as a married couple! Let's learn from them.

- What do we learn from **Acts 18:2,3** about how they were supported in their work of the gospel? Is this the only means of support for those who work in the gospel (See 1 Corinthians 9:14 and surrounding context)?
- Read **Romans 16:3-5**. Based upon these verses, what would Paul say about their friendship and encouragement to him?
  - Who do you know in your life that is like this couple AND/OR, to whom do you show a similar kind of friendship?
  - What challenges would have presented themselves to Aquila and Priscilla as they chose to share the gospel as a married couple?
  - What could change in our thinking that would see us become more like this inspiring couple?
- Read **Acts 18:26** and then **1 Corinthians 16:19**. Both of these verses mention their home in a positive light.
  - What spiritual gifts do you see in operation through their home?
  - Is it important for believers to open their homes for fellowship, teaching, and church functions?
  - What are some of the reasons that this becomes challenging?
  - Do you think that it's true that every home of every believer is kingdom ground and should be available and useful for God's work?
- Read **Acts 18:7-11** where Paul receives encouragement and strength from Jesus to carry on. Describe a time when you experienced a time of discouragement that caused you to question the effectiveness of your efforts. How did you overcome this? How did Paul gain encouragement? How can we ensure that we never cease preaching the gospel? What would this commitment look like in your life?

**Wrap Up:** As you close in prayer, remember that *"The Lord seldom solves the problem of discouragement without using His people to remind us that we are loved by Him through them."* Lloyd Ogilvie