



Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on May 19, 2024

Acts 18:24-28 (NASB)

24 Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was proficient in the Scriptures. 25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was accurately speaking and teaching things about Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John; 26 and he began speaking boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained the way of God more accurately to him. 27 And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace, 28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

Acts 19:1-7 (NASB)

Now it happened that while Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said to him, "On the contrary, we have not even heard if there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into John's baptism." 4 Paul said, "John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying. 7 There were about twelve men in all.

DIGGING DEEPER

Who has been instrumental in teaching you God's word correctly?

Read Acts 18:24-28

How does one become "proficient in the Scriptures"? (Vs 24)

What was Apollos missing that Priscilla and Aquila had to teach him?

Have you ever had to pull a fellow believer aside to explain the things of God "more accurately"? Have you ever been on the receiving end of this kind of explanation? Tell us about it.

In the book of 1 Corinthians, Paul explains that Apollos had become a dear brother and great teacher of the things of God. How did his interactions with the believers in Ephesus help him on his way?

Read Acts 19:1-7

What's the difference between the baptism of John and the baptism that Jesus promised when we believe?

DIGGING DEEPER

Should we ask other believers about the Holy Spirit's role in their lives? Why or why not?

This was a unique instance where the Holy Spirit didn't come until after these men were baptized and Paul laid his hands on them. Why was that the case?

What can we learn from Priscilla, Aquila, and Paul the next time we encounter a believer who has a misunderstanding?

How can this small group continue to learn together? What things about God or Christian living do you want to learn more about?

TAKING IT HOME

PRAYER REQUEST

