

# ACTS 18 PART II

## The Importance of Truth

*"They do not belong to this world any more than I do. Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world."*

*John 17:16-18*

## Digging Deeper

As our story unfolds from Acts 18 to the very beginning of 19 we see some really amazing things. First, we see Paul strengthening the disciples along his way. Acts 18:23 is often overlooked in the grand scheme of things, but it is absolutely vital for us as disciples to recognize our role in disciplining and strengthening others. Here we see a beautiful example of what a loving rebuke looks like in scripture as Priscilla and Aquila take Apollos aside to correct him. As 2nd Timothy 3:16 tells us, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness," Apollos had an incomplete understanding of the scriptures concerning Christ, and rather than rebuke openly they pull him aside and rebuke with love from the scriptures! The value of this approach is lost in today's generation of the 'church'. Also, observe the humility of Apollos to accept such a rebuke. Do we often have that humility? Maybe a better question to ask is: Do we have total reverence for the Word of God as the supreme authority in our lives? When we are offended at correction, it is likely due to leaning too far on our own understanding rather than recognizing that HIS ways are higher.

***Read John 17:6-26. Discuss the importance of Truth in Jesus' prayer for the disciples.***

## Discussion Questions

1. As Pastor Steve mentioned, we have very little to talk about with an unbeliever. Who are you meeting with on a daily basis? What does discipleship look like in your house today?
2. Aquila and Priscilla took Apollos aside to correct him. It's a loving rebuke (Acts 18:26) Evaluate the admonition tactic here, is this how we typically correct people today? Are you humble enough to take correction and live the whole truth? Do you seek truth or your own understanding of truth?
3. Apollos had an incomplete understanding of God's truth as well as the Gospel. Are you **HUNGRY** for the word in its entirety? What are the dangers of an incomplete understanding of scripture?
4. With a more complete understanding of Scripture, Apollos was able to teach more effectively. Do you know God's word well enough to Teach it, and Defend it? What can you do each day to grow in your understanding of God's word?
5. As Acts 18 demonstrated, (again) the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives is the ultimate proof of genuine salvation. Why is this true? What are the fruits of the spirit? What evidence of the Holy Spirit can be found in your life?