

Kingdom Vision: Hidden Treasure

Growth Group Discussion

Acts 18:1-4, 23-28

Opening Questions (get everyone involved in discussion):

- Begin with prayer. Take at least 30 seconds to be silent, clearing your minds of distractions and preparing to hear from God's word.
- Share about someone who helped you discover and develop your potential in some way.
- What do you think of the premise that there are people all around you, waiting to have someone help them unlock their potential?

1. READ Acts 18:1-4 and 23-28.

- How would you summarize Paul's relationship with Priscilla and Aquila prior to Apollos' arrival?
- What do you notice about Apollos when he first arrives in Ephesus, prior to the involvement of Priscilla and Aquila? What potential does he have?
- What seems to be lacking from Apollos' development?
- Read Matthew 3:11 and Acts 19:1-7.
 - What light do these passages shed on Apollos and knowing "only the baptism of John?"
 - Does this situation speak to your own life at all?
- What stands out to you about Priscilla and Aquila's involvement in Apollos' life?

2. On Sunday, Pastor Josh spoke about three things we see in this story, which need to take place in order for someone with potential to be released for powerful impact. Discuss them, as follows.

- Notice people's potential!
 - What kinds of things do you tend to notice about people who cross your path in the course of church life?
 - When was the last time that you noticed potential in someone?
 - Is there currently anyone in your spheres who you think has significant gifts from God that need to be unlocked and developed?
 - What might keep you from taking action based on what you've noticed?
- Invite them into your life.
 - Share about someone who extended hospitality to you, or opened their life to you, in an impactful way.
 - Can you share about a time when you opened your home or life to someone is in a formative stage?
 - What would it look like for you to invite the person mentioned above into your life?
- Invest in their development.
 - What did it look like for Priscilla and Aquila to make this investment in Apollos?
 - Can you think of times when Jesus did this for people?

- How did Paul do this for Priscilla and Aquila?
- How do you feel about the claim that **you are the gift God wants to give someone else to help them develop?**
- On Sunday, Josh suggested the following as ways of investing in developing leaders. Which of these, or others, could you practice right now? Feel free to share other ideas.
 - **Ask** them questions to get them to think about how God has gifted them, and how he might be **calling** them.
 - You can **encourage** them to take opportunities to try out their gifts, or even help **resource** them for further training.
 - You can **invite them to serve with you**, in whatever your ministry is, and let it be a **coaching** opportunity.

3. Vision series wrap-up.

- Our full Vision statement is below. What are some immediate steps you feel called to take in response to this new vision? What are some longer-term steps you could take?
- What needs to happen for you to be able to carry out these steps? Is anything standing in the way?

We will make disciples of Jesus in the communities where we work and live, who will make disciples, locally and internationally. To do so, we will:

- In community with each other, follow Jesus by **learning** from him, **growing** in him, and **servicing** with him.
- **Equip** every disciple to introduce others to a life-giving relationship with Jesus.
- Focus our resources on **training** emerging leaders who will make and form disciples.

PRAYER:

- Pray that God will reveal potential leaders in your sphere, in whom you could invest.
- Pray that God will give each of you the faith, courage, and resources to take the steps you've shared about. Pray also that God will lead us to carry out this vision as we move forward.
- Take time also to share about and pray for any other needs that exist in your group.