

WE DO LIFE TOGETHER

CCC DNA Statements

“Community” is our middle name. Every person of every generation is wanted, needed, and known. And there’s always room for one more.

Scripture Passage: Acts 18:1–28

OVERVIEW

What does it mean to “do life together”? According to Acts 18, it’s not just doing ministry together on Sunday or having a weekly fellowship meal. Paul did life together with Priscilla and Aquila through their work as tentmakers, as a guest (and then friend) who enjoyed their hospitality, and as co-workers traveling in ministry. Even when Paul faced opposition to his message, Priscilla and Aquila supported him alongside. Doing life together sometimes means you stay committed and show up for the hard stuff.

GROUP OBJECTIVES

- Acknowledge and engage with the presence of God in our midst.
- Read through Acts 18:1–28 as a group.
- Observe Paul’s way of doing life with Aquila and Priscilla.
- Discuss steps you can take to do life together.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Take two to three minutes and find the following in your cell phone photos (if you don’t have your phone, use your wallet or purse). Something that:
 - » Makes you laugh
 - » You’re proud of
 - » Concerns or worries you
- Have each person share the first item around the circle, then have each person share the second item, then have each person share the third item.

OPENING PRAYER

- Pray for the presence of the Spirit to guide and direct the discussion of the passage and to show us how to grow in doing life together.

BIBLE STUDY

- Background information: Paul faced intense opposition to sharing the message of Jesus in Thessalonica and Berea (Acts 17:5–8, 13) and has now arrived alone in Corinth.

Read Acts 18:1–11.

- » What did Paul seek out as he arrived alone in Corinth?
- » How did you get connected to your group? How does this compare to the way Paul got connected to Priscilla and Aquila?
- » What common passions and interests connected Paul with Priscilla and Aquila? What kind of interactions would making tents together provide for Paul and this couple?
- » What common interests and passions have brought you together as a group?
- Background information: Paul ended up staying in Corinth with Priscilla and Aquila for a year and a half (Acts 18:11). In Acts 18:18, Paul leaves Corinth for Syria, but this time not alone. Doing life together had been an adventure in Corinth. They worked, served, and faced opposition together.

- » What adventures has your group experienced together (i.e., having an open chair, serving in the city, adding a new leader)?
- » Where has your group faced opposition and how has it bonded you together?

Read Acts 18:24–28.

- » Background: Apollos likely didn't know the baptism of the Holy Spirit, but only the baptism of John. John's baptism was based on the confession of sin and repentance (Matthew 3:6, 11). The baptism of the Holy Spirit symbolized the identification of the cleansing work of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6:3–10).
- » What wisdom and resources did Priscilla and Aquila use when doing life together with Apollos?
- » How did the Holy Spirit work in Apollos' ministry because he did life together with Priscilla and Aquila (Acts 18:27–28)?
- » What resources are available to you to initiate doing life together with others to further the gospel?

CLOSING PRAYER

- Share prayer requests and close in prayer together.
- Thank him for the time you have spent in his Word and presence.
- Ask God to continue reveal himself in life-changing ways.
- Pray that you are open and obedient to be the Christ-revealing community Christ has created you to be.