

# Kingdom Connections

Acts 18

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Key Scriptures

- Acts 18:1-3, 18-19, 24-28
- Romans 16:3-4
- 1 Corinthians 16:19

## Summary

In Acts chapter 18 we meet Priscilla and Aquila and learn how they met Paul through their shared trade as tentmakers. Priscilla and Aquila travelled with Paul to Ephesus where they met Apollos. We see the Holy Spirit at work in connecting these people so that they can be even more effective in sharing the good news of Jesus.

Priscilla and Aquila heard Apollos speaking at the synagogue and because his teaching about Jesus was limited to only the baptism of John, “they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately” (Acts 18:26). Here we have a great example of the apostle Paul’s support for women in Christian leadership. Both Priscilla and Aquila taught Apollos. This is further reinforced when Paul refers to them as his “fellow workers in Christ Jesus” (Romans 16:3). Paul goes on to note that they risked their lives for him and “all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them” (Romans 16:4). It is evident from these statements that Paul held both Priscilla and Aquila in very high regard. Whilst reading Romans 16, look at verses 1 & 7 and notice the same high regard expressed to Phoebe and Junia.

In 1 Corinthians 16:19 we learn that a church met in the house of Priscilla and Aquila in Rome. Given the way that Paul mentions them by name it is likely that they led this church together. Also, in Acts 18:27 Apollos is encouraged to go on his journey by “the brothers and sisters”. We’re not told, but could these be the members of a church that met in the house of Priscilla and Aquila whilst they were in Ephesus? Perhaps Apollos was not only taught by Priscilla and Aquila but also welcomed into their church?

## Questions

1. Is there someone the Holy Spirit is prompting you to connect with? Take time to pray and listen to the Holy Spirit, ask the Holy Spirit to bring people to mind.
2. How, as a group, can you help each other connect with people the Holy Spirit is prompting you to connect with?
3. How can you work together (“be fellow workers in Christ Jesus”) to connect with new people and provide a community for them to be part of?