

October 1, 2017- God at Work in Corinth

Open in Prayer

Welcome/Introductions

[If there are new people in your group, give brief introductions.]

Remind the group of DiscipleGroup Guidelines

DISCIPLEMAKER QUESTIONS

- What has changed in your life because of what you learned last week?
- Has God placed someone in your life outside this group that you need to invest in?
- How do you think God wants you to do this?

Ask a “hook question” to get the group going.

- What does faithfulness, either to a cause or an individual, mean to you?

Share background for the story.

Last week we talked about the noble Bereans. This week we will see more of Paul’s extended mission work in the city of Corinth.

Tell the story – Acts 18:1-17 This week’s story is about Paul’s work and the response in the city of Corinth.

[Tell the story with your Bible open on your lap to the passage.]

Rebuild the story

[Group members tell the story together, one piece at a time, based on what they remember.]

Read the story out loud – Read Acts 18:1-17 from the Bible.

[The scripture may have more details. Were there any important details left out of the telling or retelling that you discover in the scripture?]

Discuss these questions:

1. What do you learn about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit in this story?
2. What do you learn about the characters in the story?
3. What stood out to you in the story?
4. Talk about a moment you experienced that was so defining that it changed the course of your life.
5. How will this story be used in your life and with others?

Ask someone to retell the story.

Assign next week’s passage. Acts 18:18-28. Aquila and Priscilla Disciple Apollos.

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October 1, 2017- God at Work in Corinth – Leader Coaching

[This page is to help you sharpen your skills as a DiscipleGroup Leader. Each week we will include concepts, challenges, and resources designed to assist you as you lead and shepherd your group and grow as a disciple yourself. Also, we have added comments (enclosed in brackets []) on the Leader Guide.]

Abiding

[grow as a disciple yourself]

- Spend considerable time studying this passage. Note how much time Paul spends in Corinth making disciples. Although Aquila and Priscilla were already believers, Paul developed a strong relationship with them. The other thing to note is verse six, where Paul says he will go to the Gentiles. What does this teach you about evangelism and discipling?

Leading

[learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

- Are you sharing the work? Do you let someone else lead while you are on vacation or does the group have to stop? By now you should have enough leaders to enable the group to move on even without your presence. One model for starting new groups takes away only the leader, so he or she can begin a new group.

Shepherding

[know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]

- Key in on verses nine and ten with your group. Is there anything that might be causing fear? Help your group to be bold in sharing their faith to those around them.

Resources:

- Do some research on the ancient city of Corinth, or, better yet, ask one of your group members to do some research on the city and share it with the group.