

# The Journey: Do

Week of February 5, 2017 | Lesson 5 | Acts 18:1-28



## For the Disciplemaker

The third step along the 4D Discipleship Pathway is DO. God has created, saved, and gifted us to serve. In fact, one cannot become more like Jesus apart from serving. Often a disciple will wonder in what way he/she should serve. To identify such one should consider how God has shaped him/her for service and ministry. One of the current FBCW home groups is adapting the SHAPE study for use in home groups. Contact Pastor Erik to use it in your own group or encourage group members to participate in an upcoming SHAPE workshop.

## The Previous Step

Use the first third of *Group Time* to build relationships and review the previous lesson.

- Care and Share  
Sharing food together is a great way to grow relationships. It is also an opportunity to involve participants in simple acts of service to one another. Before transitioning into the rest of *Group Time*, share personal prayer requests and pray for one another.
- Check-Up  
Read the new memory verse, Ephesians 4:11-13, aloud. Assign verse 11 to be learned by next session. Next, ask the group to restate the key truths from last week's lesson on Ephesians 4:17-24. Revisit the next steps each participant shared last week. Ask them to describe any progress they have made with their next steps.
- Cast Vision  
Ask: What is a spiritual gift? What is its purpose? Do you know what your spiritual gift is? Since DO is the third step along the 4D Discipleship Pathway, what are you DOing and how are you using your spiritual gift to serve? Next: As a group discuss options for future participation in a SHAPE study or workshop.

## Bible Study and Discussion

Use the second third of *Group Time* to [discover](#) and [deepen](#) in the Word.

- Tell the Word  
Read Acts 18:1-28 several times in advance so that you will be able to retell most of it in your own words. You may also consider adding 1 Corinthians 16:19 and Romans 16:3-5a as follow-up to the story. Anticipate possible answers to the questions designed to help the group *rebuild* the story and commit it to memory. Feel free to add some of your own who/what/where/when questions.
  - When Paul was in Corinth, which two people did he find?
    - What did Paul have in common with them?
    - What did Aquila and Priscilla DO for Paul?
    - What are Paul's final words about them (Romans 16:3-5a)?
  - To whom was Paul ministering in Corinth? (v. 4)

- What was the subject of his teaching?
- What did the Lord tell Paul in a dream?
- How long did Paul stay in Corinth and where did he travel next?
  - Based on 1 Corinthians 16:19, what did Aquila and Priscilla DO there?
- Who came to Ephesus to speak?
  - How did Priscilla and Aquila treat him and what was the result?

Ask participants the following at every *Group Time*:

- What did you learn about God in this story?
- What did you learn about the people in this story?

- Read the Word

Lead each participant to follow along in his/her own Bible as someone reads aloud Acts 18:1-28. Instruct them to identify any differences from when you told the story. Anticipate possible answers to the below questions designed to help the group personally *relate* to the story. Feel free to add similar questions of your own.

- Describe Aquila and Priscilla in terms of their movement along the 4D discipleship pathway.
  - How does Scripture describe their service to God and others?
- Why is it important for believers to "go on speaking" and "not be silent"?
  - If this seems difficult for you, what are some ways you can pray for the Holy Spirit's help?
- What example did Aquila and Priscilla set in mentoring Apollos?
- Thinking of the Christian disciples you know, what is one way you can encourage them to serve and make *more* disciples?

Ask participants the following at every *Group Time*:

- Is there an example to follow or a command to obey? If so, what?
- What is the Holy Spirit revealing to you personally through this story?

## The Next Step

Use the final third of *Group Time* to prepare to **do** and **disciple**.

- Identifying My Next Step  
Guide everyone to ask God, in silent prayer, to show them what He would have them DO this week as a result of the Bible study. Following the prayer time, ask everyone to write down and share their next step. Ask, "Whom will you serve this week?"
- Partnering  
Participants should not go at it alone. In the remaining time, instruct them to partner with another person or two to plan ways each one can move toward accomplishing his/her next step. They should also practice retelling the story and/or its key truths conversationally as if they were telling it to someone outside the group. Finally, practice reciting Ephesians 4:11 together. Each set of partners should conclude by praying for one another with respect to their individual next step.