

WINNING THE GAME OF LIFE

Saved People Serve People

- **For the Leader:**

- **Scripture Study:** Acts 18:24-28 24 Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. 25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor[a] and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. 26 He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately. 27 When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers and sisters encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. When he arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed. 28 For he vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah.
- **Some people are slaves to their work or to their addictions or to their egos. We all choose how we're going to invest our time, our energy, and even our money, and no one is exempt from being a servant to something.**
- **Fortunately, as Christians we don't have to be captive to these things. We are created to serve God and to serve other people, and throughout scripture we see this is actually a way to not only grow spiritually but to experience deep joy and meaning in life. Christianity is not a cruise ship where it's all about us; it's a disciple-ship, and when you get on board, you're automatically part of the work crew—and part of a fulfilling adventure with Jesus. Save people serve people. This is so incredibly foundational to our calling as a church.**

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- **For the Group:**
- Share your story: What has volunteering as a group leader meant to you?
- **Discussion: Read Acts 18:24-28**
- What stuck out to you about last Sunday's teaching?
- What does it mean that Apollos only knew about the Baptism of John?
 - Do you think Apollos was purposefully trying to point people away from Jesus and towards John?
 - What else should Apollos' have known about?
 - What do you think people in general should know before telling others about Jesus?
- Priscilla and Aquila could have been intimidated by Apollos because he was such a powerful speaker. Instead they chose to make him even better. What does this teach us about serving others?
 - How does Apollos also demonstrate a servants heart in the encounter with Priscilla and Aquila?
 - Notice that Priscilla and Aquila are ministry partners or coworkers. How does their "connect group" show friends and guest like Apollos how to live more faithfully?
- Read Romans 16:3-5. Showing kindness and hospitality to others is a form of service. Have you ever thought about these actions as a way to serve? What other attitudes or behaviors can be ways to serve people?
- In his teaching, Pastor Nick said that when we serve, we're often blessed at least as much as the people we're serving. Have you experienced this?
 - What does serving others teach us about ourselves?
- What abilities, talents, or skills do you have that could build up the church?
 - Have you ever discussed with a pastor how you might be able to serve the church with your skills? Why or why not?
- Groups grow closer when they serve together. How could your group serve someone in need?
 - List some practical ways you could do something as a group.
 - Schedule a time to accomplish one item on that list.