

Sermon Discussion Questions

Aquila and Priscilla

Acts 18:1-3, 18-19a, 24-28; 1 Corinthians 16:19; Romans 16:3-5a

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1. Name some “Power Couples” in our world today (e.g., Barrack and Michelle, Donald and Melania, George and Amal Clooney, etc.). What are the characteristics that characterize them as a Power Couple?
 - *(This one may be a bit of a challenge)* Of the couples that were covered in the series (**Adam & Eve** (leaving a legacy of sin and blame), **Abraham & Sarah** (choosing your own plan rather than God’s), **Isaac & Rebecca** (leaving a legacy), **Ruth and Boaz** (loyalty), **Nabal and Abigail** (the wise vs. the fool), **Zacharias and Elizabeth** (being servants of the Lord), and **Aquila and Priscilla** (partnering)) did God press on you harder than you expected through learning about them? Share stories.
 - Name some characteristics of what God would want a Power Couple to look like.
2. Aquila and Priscilla never seem to take center stage. They supported Paul (Acts 18:1-3, 18-19b) and Apollos (Acts 18:24-28). Even Aquila (in a patriarchal society, or male dominated society) didn’t seem to mind if his wife was named first. What kind of heart attitude do you think this couple had?
 - On a scale of 1-10 (10 being the same as Aquila and Priscilla) rate yourself with, “I have their same kind of heart.” What gets in the way of that kind of attitude?
3. There were two ways Aquila and Priscilla moved: because of circumstances beyond their control (Acts 18:2) and because of circumstances within their control (Acts 18:18). In our somewhat transient society, how do we discern when it is best to move? How can we know that God is in it?
4. Jeremy offered 3 habits we must practice as couples to stay in the truth: Make going to church a priority, have time alone with God and discuss what He has been teaching you, and keep each other accountable regarding our tone with others (be encouragers). Which of these needs to grow in your life (and in your relationship—if you are married)?
 - What do these passages teach us about how to stay in the truth (Ephesians 5:25-26; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 10:23-25)?
5. Remember the story about Jeremy’s pigs? What fragrance do you give off? Is it one of love? Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a and discuss which characteristics of love are strongest in your spouse (if you are married), or what your friends would say are in you (if you are single)? Which ones need to grow in you? Explain why.
6. What is the difference between being partners in ministry and being a couple that is involved in church?
 - In Romans 16:3 Paul calls Prisca and Aquila “my fellow workers in Christ Jesus.” Would leaders in the church label you in the same way? Why or why not?