

PAUL WORKED WITH AQUILA AND PRISCILLA

BABIES
UNIT 1
SESSION 4

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story statements in the leader guide.)

Scripture is replete with verses encouraging brothers and sisters in Christ to work together (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Romans 12:4-5; Hebrews 10:24-25; Proverbs 27:17). God intends for ministry and missions to be a team endeavor.

Paul's relationship with Aquila and Priscilla demonstrates the importance of working together to accomplish God's calling on our lives. Initially connected by their shared profession of tentmaking, Paul built a bond with this couple that significantly impacted the churches in Corinth and Ephesus.

In Acts 18, we see how Aquila and Priscilla profoundly influenced both Paul and Apollos. In Paul's absence, they filled the gap and guided Apollos to the truth. Apollos then preached boldly and supported other Christians along his journeys. As much as Paul traveled, he could not be everywhere at once. He needed support. Even today, the most well-known and influential believers have a team of people supporting, encouraging, correcting, and protecting them in their ministries.

William Carey was an early missionary in India. What often goes unreported in many accounts of his life is the people who worked alongside him during his time in India. Two men, in particular, had a significant impact on the ministry. The first was a former schoolteacher, Joshua Marshman, who helped establish schools among the people of India and translate the Bible into the people's language. The second was William Ward, a printer, who printed the material for the schools and Bible translations.

Carey, Marshman, and Ward became known as the Serampore Trio, named after the area of India where they worked. Their translation of God's Word, the schools they started, and the social reforms they pushed made a lasting impact on the country. And while William Carey is the most recognizable name by far, the partnership of these three men, under God's leadership, is what made a difference in India—a dynamic similar to what we see between Paul, Aquila, and Priscilla.

How does this story change your view of your relationships? Ask God to continue building strong, missional partnerships in your life. Ask Him to lead you to find new ways to partner with other Christians for the gospel's sake.

TEACHER TIP

Babies may become attached to specific toys in the room. Take note of these "comfort toys" and have them available when a child arrives.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People tell about God and Jesus.

LIFE POINT

People work together to help others know about Jesus.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Acts 18:1-4,18-28

BIBLE VERSE

Go and tell the good news about Jesus.
Mark 16:15

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