

Missions: An Adventure In Faith

STUDY NO: 10

TOPIC: Priscilla & Aquila –Tentmaking & Self-Supporting Missionaries

BIBLE PASSAGES: Acts 18:1-3, 18, 24-26; Romans 16:3, 1Corinthians 16:19, 2 Timothy 4:19

HOW TO STUDY THIS LESSON:

Open in prayer asking God for truth and wisdom from His Word.

Read the Bible passage

Answer the questions, writing the answers in the space provided.

Take about 3-5 minutes per question.

Fill in the "Personal Application" section

If you have time write down prayer points for members of the group.

Close in prayer.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Acts 18:1-3 - What profession were Priscilla and Aquila?
2. How were they helpful to Paul? (Acts 18:18, 24-26)
3. What does Paul call them? (Romans 16:3)
4. What sort of church did they lead? Where was it? (1 Corinthians 16:19)
5. The "Priscilla & Aquila" model is that of a professional who runs a bible study or house church. They are associated with a senior minister (Paul) and are theologically competent themselves (Acts 18:24-26). What do you think of this model? What is its potential for missions?
6. What is the normal way that missionaries are supported? (Luke 10:7, 1 Corinthians 9:14, 1 Timothy 5:17,18; Galatians 6:6)

7. What sort of circumstances might lead to a missionary having to earn his/her own living as well as do the work of the ministry? (1 Corinthians 4:9-13, 2 Corinthians 6:3-10, 2 Thessalonians 3:8)

8. What sort of people try to stop missionaries being supported? (3 John 1:5-10)

9. What is the correct attitude towards those who take the gospel to other nations? (3 John 1:5-8)

10. If a missionary is a "tentmaker" what sort of balance would need to be kept between the two jobs? (The secular profession and the ministry?)

11. How could the secular profession help with entering the country? Also how could it assist in making contacts for the gospel?

12. What sort of countries would require a "Tentmaking" approach?

PERSONAL APPLICATION – a command to obey, a warning to heed, a promise to claim, a deed to do, an attitude to change....

PRAYER POINTS – Use "Operation World" by Patrick Johnstone to pray for: **Libya**