

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

## Acts Series

These questions are for the **October 25, 2020** sermon, "Strengthening All the Disciples." Please read the sermon passage (Acts 18:18-28) together out loud.

### Sermon Outline

DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST ARE MARKED BY . . .

1. COURAGE (18). Make disciples when it is unpopular and dangerous.
2. STEADFASTNESS (18). Keep going through the most difficult challenges.
3. COLLABORATION (18). Always serve with a friend and be willing to include new friends.
4. INTEGRITY (18). Keep your commitments so that you become relevant to as many as possible.
5. AFFINITY (19). Use on-ramps from your background, history, work life and interests.
6. REASONABILITY (19). Have conversations with unbelievers about why Jesus (alone) is the Christ.
7. THEOLOGICAL APPLICATION (20-21). Live out what you believe about God: "If the Lord wills."
8. FOLLOW-UP (22-23). Take an interest in making sure others are
  - a. Understanding the message/truth. NOTE: especially parents.
  - b. Growing in grace. NOTE: this may be inconvenient and costly.
9. HUMILITY (24-28)
  - a. Aquila and Priscilla take Apollos aside and correct him gently and privately.
  - b. Apollos, a gifted and educated disciple, receives the correction humbly.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Which of the above marks of discipleship do you sense that God wants you to focus on and grow in today? Which of these come naturally? Which do you really have to work at?
2. How has your discipleship been affected by a person who took interest in your growth in Jesus Christ? Which of the above marks did your discipler display? How long did the process take? What did it look like? Are you discipling someone? Who? How can we pray for you?
3. There is an important human component to discipleship and there is also an aspect to discipleship that only God can do. It comes "through grace" (27) alone. No matter how gifted or responsible you are, you cannot make your children (or 'disciples') more like Jesus. How does this truth impact your prayer life? How does it reduce your guilt?
4. Do you hoard ministry? Do you box people out of "your ministry" in an effort to protect your "ministry turf"? Why do we do this? How can we learn to trust others and collaborate? Discuss this: there is no positive example in the NT of someone doing ministry alone.
5. Paul made plans to return to Ephesus (v 20-21), but had already made peace with the fact that God might not allow him to return. Do have peace that your plans (dreams) are important, but also that they simply may not come to pass? In what way does your plan and dream about the immediate future center on the discipleship of others?