

Necessary Duplication

Acts 18:18-28

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I. Paul went back to Antioch. Acts 18:18

Because Paul worked with Aquilla and Priscilla during his time at Corinth, they became very close ministry _____, so here they traveled with Paul back to the sending Church at Antioch.

- To complete the Nazirite vow, the person would cut their hair and offer sacrifices at the Temple. The purpose of a vow was _____ to God, thanking Him for blessing and protection.

Paul taught that religious rituals are acceptable if they are _____ a requirement for salvation, when they come from a devotion to Christ, they do not replace grace, and they advance the Gospel.

II. Paul visited Ephesus. Acts 18:19-23

The Lord allowing Paul to go to Ephesus here shows that a closed door from Him today does not mean it is closed _____.

- Paul learned that serving the Lord involves submitting our hopes, dreams, and _____ to His will, because He knows best!

The early Church grew because believers shared the Gospel everywhere they went. People believed in Jesus for themselves and then continued the _____ process of making disciples.

III. Discipling Apollos. Acts 18:24-28

Early Christians referred to themselves as _____ of *the Way*.

- Although Apollos was preaching Christ in the synagogue, he did not teach how new believers need the _____ Spirit of God in order to become a child of God and please Him.

Apollos had some education, but _____ religious rites about the Lord cannot transform someone, so Apollos needed the Holy Spirit, more knowledge, and education for effective ministry.

IV. Practical Application.

“Go” means to live intentionally for Christ where you are, to take the Gospel to others, and to be active, not _____ with the spreading of the Gospel.

- The advancement of the Gospel depends on the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit in followers of Christ to faithfully _____ themselves through discipleship.

The early Church changed the world because ordinary believers intentionally _____ their faith. Necessary duplication happens when we help someone else grow and know Jesus!

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. *Name a person in your life that has positively influenced your walk with Christ? What is something that person taught you? Are you currently helping someone grow spiritually? Why or why not?*
2. *Read Acts 18:18-23. Why do you think Paul kept traveling to the churches he planted instead of staying in one place permanently? What was a Nazirite vow and why did Paul continue to recognize this Jewish ritual?*
Numbers 6:2-5, 1 Corinthians 9:19-20, Galatians 1:6-9, Revelation 3:7, James 4:13-15
3. *Read Acts 18:24-26. What was Apollos like before he met Priscilla and Aquila? How did Priscilla and Aquila help Apollos grow without embarrassing attacking him?*
Proverbs 27:5-6, Galatians 6:1, 2 Timothy 4:2, 1 Peter 3:15
4. *Read Acts 18:24-28. What happened after Apollos was discipled and taught more about Spirit Baptism and Christ?*
1 Corinthians 12:13, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 8:8-10, 1 Corinthians 1:11-13
5. *Why is duplication necessary for the church to grow? What dangers happen when ministry depends on only one leader? Why is it important that mature believers invest in younger or less mature believers? What is the difference between making converts and making disciples?*
Matthew 28:19-20, John 20:21, 2 Timothy 2:2, Galatians 6:9, Proverbs 11:14, Ephesians 4:11-16
6. *Why is humility important both for the teacher and the learner?*
Colossians 3:12, James 4:6, Proverbs 11:2, 1 Peter 5:5-6
7. Discuss the Practical Application of the sermon.