

Living Stones – Priscilla and Aquila

South Jersey Small Group Guide

Warm-Up Questions

1. Who is someone (not necessarily a parent) who had a meaningful spiritual influence on your life? What did they do that impacted you?
2. If you had to describe this current season of your life in one word, what would it be? Why?

Key Passage: Acts 18:1-4, 11, 24-26; Romans 16:3-5

Recap

This week we closed out the *Living Stones* series by looking at the lives of Priscilla and Aquila in Acts 18 and Romans 16. We learned that spiritual fathers and mothers:

- Add stability in chaotic environments
- Add wisdom to zeal
- Sacrifice for the next generation

We also explored the story in 1 Chronicles 29, where King David gave generously to build the temple — even though he would never see it completed. His leadership inspired others to give joyfully.

The big idea: **The church that lasts is built by spiritual mothers and fathers who quietly, consistently, and sacrificially invest in people.**

Spiritual parenting isn't about age — it's about maturity and responsibility. Tonight, we're going to reflect on what that means personally.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. In what ways does our current culture feel unstable or chaotic to you? How can spiritual maturity bring stability in those areas?
2. Who has acted as a spiritual father or mother to you? What did they give you — stability, correction, presence, challenge? If you haven't experienced that, what do you feel you've missed?
3. The sermon mentioned that many of us carry a longing to not walk alone. Where do you feel that longing most right now?
4. Do you naturally lean more toward zeal (passion, action, ideas) or wisdom (discernment, caution, experience)? How might you need the other?
5. Spiritual parenting requires sacrifice — time, comfort, energy, margin. What is hardest for you to sacrifice right now?
6. David gave toward something he would never personally see completed. What is something you are building or investing in that may outlive you? What makes that hard? What makes that meaningful?

7. Who is behind you spiritually right now? What would it look like to take one step toward being a spiritual father or mother to them? (Be specific.)

8. We don't become spiritual parents through pressure — we do so because God is our Father. How does knowing you are fully loved by God change your willingness to sacrifice or invest in others?

Pray