



## ADVANCE CHURCH NETWORK N O R T H C A R O L I N A

### Cohort Conversation Guide

#### Week of Aug 26th: Desperate Prayer – For One Another

1. **Connection Question for the week** – (Ask) What is one thing you have been regularly praying for?
2. **Scripture Focus**— Read through Acts 18:18-28 together before praying
3. **Pray**—Using Acts 18:18-28 as a model, spend 15-20 minutes praying through this passage together popcorn style (each participant voicing short prayers based on the text), while being sensitive to how the Spirit leads. Break it down by guiding based on-

Upward Reverence- Who is God/Jesus? How and why does He deserve to be praised? Praise the Lord for the way He moves and works, including by strengthening and correcting us through other people.

Downward Response- How should I/we respond to who He is? Consider especially, how Apollos responds to the correction of Priscilla and Aquila, pray that God would continue to help us be humble and teachable so that we can be encouraged for the work ahead.

Inward Requests- Who/what should I pray for? Spend some time praying for the people who the Lord has brought into your life and church, pray that you and others will come alongside them and correct, encourage, and send them out.

Outward Readiness- Where do I/we go from here? Ask God to ready your heart and the hearts of those you serve to be willing to go anywhere at any cost for the Gospel.

4. **Discussion Questions**: use some or all of these questions to unpack what you read
  - As we move into the account with Apollos, we see Paul and Priscilla and Aquila going from Corinth to Cenchrae to Ephesus and then Paul leaving them in Ephesus while he goes to Caesarea, then Antioch, and then throughout the regions of Galatia and Phrygia. Some places they seem to stay awhile, some places they decline to stay longer. How do they seem to decide when to stay and when to go? What seems to be the balance elsewhere in the book of Acts between Paul's desires, the people they encounter, and the Holy Spirit in getting them where God wants them?
  - Likewise, we see that the Lord apparently brought Apollos to Ephesus so that they would cross paths. When have you had a divine encounter like this where God obviously put you and another person in the same place at the same time? How did you respond?
  - When we are introduced to Apollos, we see that he is fervent, eloquent, and bold. He taught accurately about Jesus but only knew the baptism of John. So, Priscilla and



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Aquila go to him and “explain more accurately” and as a result, when he went to Achaia, he “greatly helped” those who had believed. What can we learn from the way that they corrected him? How is this different than what we are tempted to do?

5. **Application:** based on the discussion above help each other identify how God is leading
- Who is someone the Lord has brought to you that He may want to use mightily for His Kingdom, but they are in need of correction?
  - Pray for opportunities to do that well, with courage and gentleness, and that God would use that for His glory.
  - Pray for one another.