Three Unique Stations in Life Leveraged for the Gospel

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*NOTICE: The emphasis of our discussion is to see how the Written Word (Bible) and the Spoken Word (Preaching) work together to build up the believer, so when you see WORD in the questions, know it refers to the Scripture and the Sermon.

Recap: *Look back* for evidence of God's word reshaping your heart and life.

1. Does anyone have a testimony to share with the group of how you applied last week's "Respond" section?

Engage: *Look into* the Word of God in light of Sunday's preached sermon.

2. Read Acts 18:18-28 together as a group and discuss your initial observations.

Reflect: *Look deeper* at the preached and written Word.

3. Paul's Nazirite vow based on Numbers 6 represented a deliberate season of consecration and separation unto God -- what practices or habits in your own life might you need to set aside for a season in order to pursue a deeper, more focused devotion to Christ?

4. What does Priscilla and Aquila's example model for the church what Christian marriage and ministry should look like?

5. The sermon emphasizes that ministry is not designed to be done in isolation, as seen in Paul returning to Jerusalem and Antioch for community and care -- in what ways might you be attempting to live out your faith or serve others without the accountability and support of Christian community?

6. Apollos was extraordinarily gifted and educated, yet he humbly submitted to instruction from two tent makers -- what does his example reveal about the relationship between giftedness, humility, and spiritual growth?

7. The sermon closed with this reminder: "You and I don't have to be as eloquent as Apollos. We just need to be obedient like Apollos." How does that distinction between eloquence and obedience free you from excuses about why you cannot share the gospel?

8. Looking specifically at the text, what does this passage teach us about discipleship within the life of the church?

Respond: *Choose one or two of these applications from Sunday's message to put into practice this week.*

- **Consecrate something.** Identify one distraction that has been pulling your focus away from Christ and commit to fasting from it for a defined period of time. Share your commitment with a trusted friend for accountability.
- **Pursue someone.** Identify one person -- a younger believer, a skeptic, or someone who is spiritually curious -- and take one concrete step toward building a gospel-centered relationship with them this week.
- **Invite community in.** If you have been trying to do ministry, spiritual growth, or life on your own, reach out to one person in your church this week and invite them into your life in a more intentional way.
- **Encourage a young person.** Find a teenager or young adult in your church or neighborhood and take time this week to genuinely listen to them, affirm them, and let them know they are seen and loved.

- **For married couples:** Have a conversation with your spouse this week about what it would look like for your marriage to be more intentionally on mission in your current neighborhood, workplace, or social circle.