

Note: Chapter 18 begins and ends describing a married couple, Aquila and Priscilla, who become powerful Christian missionaries. They baptize Apollos, who also becomes a powerful missionary, so much so that believers began identifying themselves as having been taught by Apollos or by Paul. Paul enters the big Greek cities and hears about Rome.

1. When Paul was in Corinth, he met, who would become life-long friends, Aquila and his wife, Priscilla.
 - a. Why were they living in Corinth? (Acts 18:2)
 - b. What was Paul's and their occupation? (Acts 18:3)
 - c. How did they assist and support the early Church? (Acts 18:18; Rom 16:3-5; 2 Tim 4:19)
2. When Silas and Timothy arrive from Macedonia, what do they discover? (Acts 18:5-6)
3. What was the turning point for Paul's shifting his efforts from the Jews to the Gentiles? (Acts 18:6)
4. Paul sets up his new headquarters near the synagogue. (Acts 18:7)
 - a. What likely effect does Paul's new headquarters have on the Jews? (Acts 18:7)
 - b. How does Crispus compound the jealousy of the Jewish leaders? (Acts 18:8)
 - c. How does Paul's vision of Christ serve to further intensify the Jew's anger? (Acts 18:9-10)

Note: Roman law recognized and protected numerous religions in the empire, including Judaism. The Jews attempted to discredit the Christian message, disassociate themselves from the budding Church, and accused Paul of promoting a new religion that was neither recognized nor authorized by Rome.

5. Gallio was the Roman proconsul of Achaia and the older brother of the Roman philosopher, Seneca. Why wouldn't Gallio judge Paul when he was brought before the tribunal? (Acts 18:12-17)
6. What action did the Jews take upon Gallio's dismissal, and why do you think they did so? (Acts 18:17)
7. Even though Paul was an ardent follower of Christ, he continued to observe many of the Jewish customs. Why did he cut his hair in verse 18? (Acts 18:10; Num 6:5; Acts 21:23-25; research Nazarite vow)
8. Do you think Paul quietly, but purposefully, used Aquila and Priscilla to establish a believing community in Ephesus? (Acts 18:24-26)
9. What was Paul's purpose in revisiting the towns in Asia Minor (Turkey) where he had first established Christian communities? (Acts 18:23)
10. Apollos became a major figure in teaching the faith in various communities, so much so that believers began identifying themselves by saying that they were taught by Apollos or by Paul. How did Apollos show his willingness to accept the suggestions of the Ephesus believers in guiding the direction of his places of ministry? (Acts 18:27)