

Calvary Chapel  Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEACHER'S PACKET

2nd Grade

Sunday Morning

Study 19

Growing in Our Walk with the Lord

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The Objective is the key concept for this weeks lesson. It should be the main focus of the study

These are the key verses that you will find helpful in teaching your study this week. The “Main passage” is the basis of the study, where the other verse support the objective of the lesson.

These are the books of the Bible we will be memorizing. New books for this month are in bold. If a student can memorize all the books up to this month’s books, you may give them a prize from the “reward box” found on your cart.

An introductory activity or question that will settle the class, draw their attention to the study and prepare their hearts for God’s Word.

Objective This lesson will show the kids what it means to grow in our walk with the Lord and teach them how to do so.

Key Verses

Colossians 1:9-12; Acts 18:24-28—Main Teaching Passages

Books to Memorize

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1&2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1&2 Thessalonians, 1&2 Timothy, Titus, **Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1&2 Peter**

Hook

Tell everyone to think about their closest friend. Ask how they know this friend? How often do they spend time together? Do you know what your friend likes and dislikes? How has your friendship grown since you met them? Do you want to get to know them even more?

Good friendships are always growing. So it should be in our relationship with God. Day by day, we should be seeking to know and love God more and more. Today, we will see what that looks like and how we can grow in our walk with the Lord.

What does the Bible say? This is where we will read a passage or series of passages that teach on the subject of the day.

BOOK

In Colossians 1:9-12, Paul prays for the Christians living in the city of Colossae. His requests are that these believers would grow in their knowledge and understanding of the Lord, live worthy of Christ in a way that pleases Him, be fruitful in every good work, be strengthened with God's power, have patience, longsuffering, and joy, and give thanks to the Father. In other words, Paul prays for the Colossians to grow in their walks with the Lord. As believers, we should all be growing in our walks with the Lord. Today, we are going to see an example of a man who experienced that kind of growth.

In Acts 18:24, we are introduced to a Jewish man named Apollos. Apollos was known for being a good speaker and was mighty in the Old Testament Scriptures. He had been taught in the way of the Lord and was passionate, telling others about the biblical truths he knew. However, he had a problem: he only knew about John's baptism. He did not have a full understanding of who Jesus Christ is.

After hearing him teach, Aquila and Priscilla (two Christians who were close friends of Paul the apostle) took him aside and explained the truth of God's Word more accurately to him. Apollos received their teaching gladly and then went to a place called Achaia. He used his new-found knowledge of the Scripture to prove to the Jews from the Old Testament that Jesus was the Savior.

LOOK

When we are first introduced to Apollos in Acts 18, he sounds like a pretty incredible, spiritual person. He was a gifted speaker who knew the Old Testament well, and he had a passion to tell others about the Word of God. Most people who met Apollos probably saw him as a spiritual giant with little need for growth in his knowledge of God. But Apollos' walk with the Lord was incomplete. He knew about the Old Testament and John's baptism, but He did not have a full understanding of who Jesus is.

Had Apollos continued this way, not only would he be unaware of the saving grace of Jesus, but he would have been unable to preach the full Gospel to others. Aquila and Priscilla recognized Apollos' need for growth in his walk with the Lord, and so they decided to instruct Him about Jesus. Apollos received this teaching, and it changed both his personal walk with the Lord and his ministry to others.

As believers, we are supposed to spend our whole lives growing in our walks with the Lord. "Walk with the Lord" is another way to say our personal relationship with Jesus, and so growing in our walks means that

The interpretation/exegesis of the passage. What does this passage mean? How does this passage apply to my life?

LOOK (Continued)

we are getting closer in our relationship to Jesus, knowing, loving, and following Him more and more. To understand this, think about one of your best friends. The longer you've known that person, the more you've learned about who they are and what they're like, done things together, and become better friends. The same way, we want to grow closer and closer to Jesus.

Colossians 1:9-12 gives some of the many areas where we can grow in our walk with the Lord. We can grow in our knowledge of God, love for Him, obedience to His commands, faith, and more. What are some things that can help us to grow in our relationship with Jesus? As with any relationship, time spent together is important. If you want to be closer to a friend, you spend time with them getting to know them. It's the same way with God. We can spend time with Him by praying, reading the Bible with our families, and going to church. And by going to church, that doesn't mean just entering a building, but truly seeking out Jesus in prayer, worship, and the Word. Also, just as Aquila and Priscilla helped Apollos to grow in his walk with the Lord, we can seek out older believers (parents, Sunday School teachers, etc.) to help us in our walks.

What is my response to this passage of Scripture? How should my life change according to what this passage teaches me? What are the practical things I can do throughout the week to make this true in my life?

TOOK

As a class, review the books of the Bible Matthew-2 Peter.

Review the lesson by asking the class how Apollos grew in his walk with the Lord. How can we grow in our relationship with Him?

Pray: Thank Jesus for allowing us to have a relationship with Him. Ask Him to help us all grow in our walks with Him.

Parent Question: How can I grow in my walk with the Lord?

FURTHER STUDY

Commentary on Acts 18:24-28 by David Guzik

2. ([Act 18:24-26a](#)) The ministry of Apollos in Ephesus.

Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man *and* mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue.

a. **A certain Jew named Apollos:** As Paul did his work in Galatia and Phrygia, this man named **Apollos** came from Alexandria to Ephesus. By many measures, he was a remarkable man.

· Apollos was **an eloquent man**.

· Apollos was **mighty in the Scriptures**.

· Apollos had been **instructed in the way of the Lord**.

· Apollos was **fervent in spirit**. Literally this means, “to boil in the spirit” with the idea of “bubbling over with enthusiasm.” (Williams)

· Apollos **spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord**.

i. It seems Apollos (like many in his day) was a missionary called by God alone, because we have no indication that he was sent or commissioned by any specific congregation or apostle. He simply **came to Ephesus**.

b. **Though he knew only the baptism of John:** We see again that the reputation and work of John the Baptist was widely known throughout the Jews of the Roman Empire, reaching here as far as Alexandria.

i. Because Apollos knew of the work of John the Baptist, it is likely that he preached that the Messiah had come and we must repent and respond to Jesus, but he probably had little knowledge of the *full* person and work of Jesus Christ.

ii. “Apollos was a well-educated and also a well-traveled man. We can imagine that in his youth he had gone to Jerusalem, especially if he had an interest in the Old Testament, and while there had come under the influence of the preaching of John the Baptist.” (Boice)

c. **So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue:** Apollos didn’t know much about Jesus, but what he did know was **taught accurately** – and with bold passion. He didn’t know much about Jesus, but what he did know genuinely excited him.

i. “What is mentioned here is ‘fervor,’ and this means not merely skill on his part but conviction based on something deeply embedded in his heart.” (Boice)

3. ([Act 18:26b-28](#)) Aquila and Priscilla help Apollos.

When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

a. **Aquila and Priscilla:** Paul met this couple that shared his profession of tent making in Corinth ([Acts 18:3](#)). They went with him from Corinth to Ephesus, and Paul left them there while he continued eastward to Caesarea, Jerusalem, and Antioch ([Acts 18:18-22](#)).

b. **They took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately:** Aquila and Priscilla did something valuable for God's kingdom. They helped someone who had a passion for God and at least some power in serving Him; yet he had limited knowledge and therefore limited resources for truly effective ministry.

c. **The brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him:** With both instruction from Aquila and Priscilla and letters of reference from the church in Ephesus, Apollos served effectively in Achaia, especially among opposing Jews (**he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly**).

i. When Apollos went to the region of **Achaia**, it probably means he went to the city of Corinth in the region of Achaia. From what Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians, he apparently had a remarkable ministry there. Apollos went to Corinth to water what Paul had planted.

ii. Though some Corinthians fixated on Apollos in a divisive spirit ([1 Corinthians 1:12](#), [3:4](#)), there is no reason to believe that Apollos himself encouraged this. Paul regarded Apollos as a trusted colleague ([1 Corinthians 3:5-7](#) and [16:12](#)).

iii. Apollos was Jewish, and is described as *eloquent* and *fervent in spirit* ([Acts 18:24-25](#)). He also **vigorously refuted the Jews**, and was able to demonstrate **from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ**. Because of these things, some scholars consider him the type of person who could have wrote the letter to the Hebrews.