Small Group Discussion Guide

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Scripture: Acts 18:1-28

Bottom Line: Be a "Whatever You Want, God," person.

INTRODUCTION/BREAKING THE ICE:

This week we are talking about being, "whatever God wants" kind of people. So kick off your group with a little fun! If you could have, "whatever," you wanted what would you choose? What dream vacation? What kind of car? What endless amount of food? What kind of house? What concert? What sporting event would you attend?

UNPACKING THE GOSPEL:

Read Acts 18:1-28

1) What did you learn about Aquilla and Priscilla in this passage? What role did they play in the building of several churches?

Answer and Summary: Aquila (Turkish jew who came to faith in Jesus) and Priscilla (Greek pagan or jew who came to faith in Jesus) were kicked out of Rome for their faith in 49AD. They set up a new tent making business, got a new house. They let Paul stay and work with them to start a church. As they are with Paul he is discipling them and they are growing greatly in their faith. They open their home in Corinth for the church and it grows greatly. After 18 months in Corinth, Paul asks A&P to leave everything again to go with him to Syria to start another church. They then go with Paul to Ephesus and start another business, get another home, open it up again to start another church to reach more people. God used them greatly as they were willing to use "whatever" time, resources, and gifts they had for, "whatever," God called them to.

- *** With the following questions encourage your small group to be completely open and honest about their answers with one another. Encourage them to hold each other accountable to real, practical steps (avoid vague steps).
- 2) Aquilla and Pricilla were, "whatever people." They were willing to do whatever it took for Jesus and His church. Which of the three, "Whatever People," are you?

 a) Whatever, God come find me when you're ready. b) Whatever, somebody else will do it. c) God, whatever you want I'm ready. Use my house, my resources, my time.

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE

- 1) A, "whatever person," is one who intentionally asks God, "whatever you want God, I will do." What is stopping you from becoming a, "Whatever Person"? (Again, encourage your small group to be honest with one another. Is it comfort, pride, fear, doubt, etc.)
- 2) What specific step can I take now to be a, "Whatever Person"? (What are some concrete steps. Praying every morning, tithing every pay period starting next pay period," not missing Sunday worship, serving on a team", etc.)