



## Leader's Guide

Week of September 3

### Leader Check-In

Hey Leaders!

This is the exciting start of our Life Group Season! I'm happy to be writing these Life Group Guides for you again and hope that they are a blessing to you and your groups. As always, I welcome feedback on the Life Group Guides and am open to making these Life Groups better or more accessible to you! God bless you and your groups as you begin your season together.

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### Getting Started

1. What would you say is the "one thing" you have a passion for?  
**\*Leader's Note:** This is a great question to use to get to know people and, also, see what their motivations are. Tuck these answers away so you can know how to engage your group members' passions and imaginations.
  2. What is the evidence of that in your life? In other words, how could people tell that you are passionate for that thing?
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### Digging In

1. **Read Acts 18:1-3.** How does God use Priscilla and Aquila in Paul's life?  
**\*Leader's Note:** P & A bring refreshment and rejuvenation at just the right time for Paul. Remember, Paul has been on a grueling missionary journey and needed some encouragement.
2. **Read Acts 18:4-8.** How do people react to Paul's message?  
**\*Leader's Note:** The trick here is that not everyone responded in the same way. Some people accepted and some rejected with no

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apparent rhyme or reason. Yet Paul was always persistent.

3. **Read Acts 18:9-16.** Look especially at the words of Jesus (9-10). What four thoughts does he bring to Paul as an encouragement?

**\*Leader's Guide:** 1) "Do not be afraid." 2) "Go on speaking and do not be silent." 3) "I am with you. No one can harm you." 4) "I have many in this city who are my people."

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## Looking Around

1. What ministry do you have? Think outside the typical "ministry categories." You could have a ministry to neighbors, co-workers, family, etc. Think especially of non-Christians in your life.
2. Do you ever feel discouraged in this ministry? What encouragement do you need to keep going and becoming more involved?
3. Who in your life can give you encouragement, and maybe accountability, to keep pursuing your ministry despite hardship. \*Hint, they might be in the room with you right now.

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## Pray

Pray for the start of this Life Group season. Ask the Lord that he would bless your Life Group and instruct you how to be good encouragers to one another despite whatever hardship your group members may face. Remember that each one of you have important ministries to people in your life and God is with you to help you see it through.