

**Transition:**

As Paul made his way through his missionary journeys, he planted many churches and he also met many influential leaders. We have seen how Paul met and discipled Timothy. He also brought a couple named Priscilla and Aquila under his wing. Now we see Priscilla and Aquila meet a man in Ephesus who is teaching, preaching and making disciples of his own.

**Tell the story:**

Tell the story (with passion!) the best as you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

**Rebuild the story:**

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Though Apollos was competent in the Scriptures, apparently there were things about Jesus that he did not know. At what point is it safe for a Believer to teach the Scriptures, even if they are lacking in some knowledge?
2. What did you notice about HOW Apollos was corrected? And how he was treated afterward?

**Fundamental:**

Biblical Correction – In Matthew 8 we discussed Spiritual Leadership and in Acts 14 we discussed Eldership and Church Leadership (2 Time 4:2). Part of being a leader is correcting those younger in the faith. As part of the body of Christ, it is not only our job to teach and pastor the flock of God, but also to protect against poor or insufficient teaching. It is important that a leader always examine himself first (Matt 7:3) before approaching his brother to correct. If a brother is in sin, it is imperative to follow Jesus' instructions in Matthew 18.

1. Does anyone actually enjoy being corrected? (Pro 9:9; Heb 12:11)
2. How does discipline and correction show love? (Pro 3:11-12, 10:17)
3. What is the main goal/hope in biblical correction? (Matt 18:15)

**Homework/Challenge:**

1. If you know you do not receive correction well, pray for the Lord to change your heart.
2. Please read Acts 19 in preparation for next week.

**Discipleship Tip:**

Correction is never a particularly fun part of discipleship, but absolutely necessary. Before confronting your brother, spend much time in prayer and possibly weeping for him. Correct him with gentleness, remembering how the Lord has been patient with you.

**Prayer:**

Pray that, as your people mature in Christ and move closer to becoming leaders, that God increase their gentleness. That knowledge would not puff them up. That they would not seek out opportunities to correct, but have a genuine burden for the church and sound doctrine.

**Extras:**

Discussion for biblical correction: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eaGP3zgFr2s>