



COMPETENT
BUT NOT
COMPLETE

ACTS 18:24-28

“COMPETENT BUT NOT COMPLETE”

MAY 17, 2026

OPENING

Ice Breaker - 5 minutes

- Who is someone God used to shape your spiritual life — through encouragement, correction, teaching, or example? What made their influence meaningful?

Read the Text Together: Acts 18:24-28

Read Acts 18:24-28 aloud. Notice how the characters are described and how they interact, and the outcome.

SUMMARY

Apollos was gifted, knowledgeable, passionate, and bold — yet still incomplete in his understanding of the gospel. Through the humble investment of Priscilla, Aquila, and the church community, God shaped him into a more effective servant of Christ. This passage reminds us that spiritual maturity requires humility, teachability, and a willingness to help others grow.

DISCUSSION

Observation Questions

- How is Apollos described in verses 24-25?
- How are Priscilla and Aquila (review 18:1-3, 18-19)?
- What limitation or weakness did Apollos still have?
- What did Priscilla and Aquila do when they heard Apollos teaching?
- How did the church community support Apollos in verses 27-28? What was the result?



This document can be used for either personal or group reflection.

Group facilitator: Please feel empowered to use only the questions that are helpful for the context of your group.

Interpretation & Theological Reflection

- Why is it important to remember that giftedness is not the same as maturity? Why does that seem to be a challenge for us?
- What does Apollos' response teach us about humility and teachability?
- How did Priscilla and Aquila correct Apollos? Why does that matter?
- What does this passage teach us about the role of the church community in spiritual growth?
- Why is it significant that God – not Apollos or Paul – ultimately gives the growth?

Application Questions

- In what area of your life is God inviting you to be more teachable? What things keep you from being more open to correction and growth from other believers?
- How has God grown you through others?
- Who might God be calling you to encourage, disciple, or gently correct?
- How are you connected to others for mutual encouragement to grow in truth, humility, and grace?
- What gifts has God given you that you can use more intentionally to serve others?

Closing Prayer

- Praise God for the gifts he's given you – and others.
- Praise God for the ways you see him making an impact through his church – and for getting to be a part of that work!
- Confess any pride (or false humility) about your gifts, or jealousy over the gifts of others.
- Pray for a humble and teachable heart.
- Pray for courage to lovingly encourage and disciple others.
- Pray that God would use the church community to strengthen and mature believers.
- Pray that God would raise up more faithful servants who use their gifts for Christ's kingdom and glory.



**PREPARE FOR
NEXT WEEK:**

2 Peter 3:8-13