

Point Group Notes

Message from 11/03/24

Leaders Guide

Leaders Notes are in RED

1. You DID IT! Week 8 is here! Thank you for all you've done. I'm looking forward to hearing from you over the next weeks to see how your season went!
2. Please let Pastor Tim know if you are not able to do attendance electronically. This is an issue that needs addressing.

Getting to know you...

1. Picture this: You must teach a class of people *your most useless skill*. What are you teaching? How are you teaching it?
2. Have you ever thought you were an expert in something, only to find out later you were WRONG? (Bonus points for this being incredibly embarrassing).

Quick Review – Have a look at your sermon notes from last week. What stood out to you the most? Did you learn anything new? Did anything said leave you with any questions?

Digging Deeper...

Pricilla and Aquila took the time to ensure that Apollos was taught the *whole truth* of God and his word. In this passage, we see the willingness of Pricilla and Aquila to teach, as well as the humility of Apollos to be able to listen. In 2 Chronicles 17:1-19 King Jehoshaphat of Judah sends officials and Levites throughout the land to teach the people from the Book of the Law. Besides some of the *interesting* names that are used in the Old Testament, we also see the life changing effect that this teaching has on the whole region! **Read 2 Chronicles 17:1-19 and answer the following questions.**

1. What do we see Jehoshaphat do in this passage to strengthen Judah? Why would these actions be important for the Kingdom of Judah?
In 2 Chronicles 17:1-19, Jehoshaphat isn't just focused on building up Judah's defenses—he's just as intentional about strengthening the people's spiritual foundation. Along with fortifying the cities and organizing a solid army, he sends officials, priests, and Levites throughout Judah to teach people God's laws. Jehoshaphat understands that real strength for the kingdom comes from a deep commitment to God, so he prioritizes



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spiritual education, making sure everyone knows and follows God's Word. This spiritual focus isn't just about tradition; it's about creating a unified, faith-driven community that relies on God's guidance and protection.

2. Who was sent to do this teaching? What would prompt Jehoshaphat to send people like this to teach?

Jehoshaphat sends a group of officials, along with Levites and priests, to teach God's laws throughout Judah. This team includes both civil leaders and religious figures, ensuring that the teaching reaches all parts of the kingdom. Jehoshaphat likely sends these leaders because he recognizes that the people need a strong spiritual foundation. By making sure they know God's Word, he's reinforcing unity and obedience to God, which he believes will bring protection and blessing to Judah. This focus on widespread religious education shows Jehoshaphat's commitment to leading a kingdom that relies on God's guidance, not just military strength.

3. What impact did Jehoshaphat's faithfulness have on the region?

Jehoshaphat's faithfulness had a significant spiritual impact on the region. By prioritizing obedience to God and ensuring that the people of Judah knew His laws, he created a strong spiritual foundation within the kingdom. This commitment to God inspired awe and respect among the surrounding nations, as they witnessed the unity and strength that came from Judah's faith. The "fear of the Lord" spread beyond Judah's borders, meaning that even neighboring kingdoms recognized God's presence with Judah and were hesitant to oppose them. Jehoshaphat's dedication to spiritual leadership didn't just protect Judah—it created a ripple effect, influencing other nations to respect and acknowledge the power of God.

What does all this mean?

1. Why is knowing the "full law" or the "full gospel" so important? Does God really make it possible for us to understand His Word?

Knowing the "full law" or the "full gospel" is crucial because it provides a complete picture of God's character, His expectations, and His plan for us. When we understand the whole message, we're less likely to be led astray or to miss out on the fullness of what God offers. Having a well-rounded understanding allows us to live in a way that truly honors Him and aligns with His purpose for our lives. And yes, God does make it possible for us to understand His Word! Through the Holy Spirit, He gives us wisdom and guidance to comprehend Scripture, and He provides teachers, mentors, and resources—like how Jehoshaphat sent officials to teach the people. God wants us to know Him deeply and has equipped us to grasp His truth if we seek it with open hearts.



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2. What similarities did Priscilla and Aquila have with the Levites in their qualifications?
Priscilla and Aquila, like the Levites, were dedicated to teaching and guiding others in understanding God's Word more fully. Both had a strong foundation in Scripture and were committed to sharing that knowledge with others. The Levites were specially appointed and trained to teach the laws of God to the people of Israel, while Priscilla and Aquila, though not officially appointed, were well-versed in the gospel and had a deep understanding of Jesus' teachings. They both took on the responsibility of instructing others—Priscilla and Aquila with Apollos in Acts 18 and the Levites with the people of Judah in 2 Chronicles 17—showing a shared commitment to helping others grow in their faith and understanding of God.
3. Is it really our responsibility to have a positive impact on the people around us?
Explain.
This question has the opportunity to lead to a lot of answers. But scripture is clear: Yes, it is our responsibility to have a positive impact on the people around us. As followers of Christ, we're called to be "salt and light" in the world (Matthew 5:13-16), meaning we should bring hope, truth, and encouragement to others. Just like Jehoshaphat took responsibility for guiding Judah spiritually and Priscilla and Aquila helped Apollos understand the gospel more fully, we're meant to use what God has taught us to build up those around us. When we live out our faith and help others understand God's love and truth, we reflect His character and fulfill His command to love our neighbors. This positive impact is not just a nice addition; it's a central part of our calling as Christians to make disciples and show God's love to a world that desperately needs it.

Taking it Home...

1. Taking stock of your journey with Christ, how do you think you can be faithful to learn, as well as faithful to disciple new Christians. What do you need to do to put yourself in a position to pour into someone? What could you do to be poured into?
2. We are blessed in the 21st century to have access to resource after resource when it comes to deepening our understanding of God's word. How are you doing in your walk with learning more about God? How can your church and your Point Group support you in this Journey?
3. How can we be praying for you as you apply what you're wrestling with this week?

