

Women of the Bible

Teachers of the Gospel: Priscilla, Eunice, and Lois

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Intro: *For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope* (Romans 15:4 TNIV). Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ commands us to go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey the Lord's commandments. Let's take a look at women who were an integral part of spreading the Gospel in the early days of the church.

Opening Prayer: Lord, You are the source of all knowledge and truth. Open our hearts to Your Word so that we may grow in wisdom and strength. Protect us from worldly influence and show us the true path of righteousness. We ask all of this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Warm-Up: Why do you participate in Bible study? For Christian fellowship? Acquisition of biblical knowledge? Spiritual growth? How does learning God's Word enhance your life?

Priscilla

Read **Acts 18:1–28**.

Living in a city like Corinth would probably not nurture the faith of a new believer in Christ. It was a city where people worshipped many gods, especially Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love. However, God chose to put Priscilla and her husband, Aquila, in the church of Corinth to spread the Gospel of Jesus. And it was there, during their ministry, that they met Paul. This was an event that would change their lives and shape them into the missionaries God knew they would be.

What occupation did Priscilla and her husband Aquila share in common with Paul?

How long did Paul stay in Corinth with Priscilla and Aquila? When it was time to leave Corinth, Paul traveled to Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. After their arrival in Ephesus, Paul left Priscilla and Aquila to preach to Jews in the synagogue and other towns. What does this say about his confidence in Priscilla and Aquila?

When Apollos arrived in Ephesus, he preached boldly in the synagogue. What do we know about Apollos?

When Priscilla and Aquila heard Apollos preach in the synagogue, they recognized his accurate, but incomplete, knowledge of God. How did they confront him about the knowledge he lacked?

For sharing or personal reflection: How and when do you share the Gospel with others? What is your response to people who do not have a full understanding of Jesus and the Gospel?

Lois & Eunice

Read **2 Timothy 1:5–7, 3:14–15**.

Lois and Eunice, though mentioned only briefly in Scripture, served God by passing on His teachings to Timothy, their grandson and son. That boy would grow to become a man who spread the Gospel throughout Ephesus as the spiritual son and protégée of the apostle Paul.

Read **Acts 16:1**. What do we learn about the faith beliefs of Eunice and her husband? How would this affect the way Eunice taught her son about the Scriptures?

How long had Eunice and Lois been teaching their son/grandson the Scriptures?

In what ways have you personally passed along God's Word to younger generations?

For sharing or personal reflection: Talk about a time when you teamed up with another believer to share the Gospel with others. Can you recall a time at school, at work, in your family, or in the community when you were yoked together with an unbeliever and not supported by others around you? How did you respond?

Closing: Sing or say together: "Christ Be My Leader" [*LSB* 861, *LW* 365] or "Now Thank We All Our God" [*LSB* 895, *LW* 443, *TLH* 36]

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