

**Get the Conversation Going:**

Before we dive into today’s message, take a few moments to read and reflect on these questions and share your answers with those around you or with us online.

- How important are relationships to you?
- Who are the people who have been vital in your life?
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- How did they influence you?

Jot down a few of the names of people who have influenced you:

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**Let’s Read: Acts 18:24** Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. **25** He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. **26** He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

**27** And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, **28** for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

Where do you see the thread of relationships in this passage?

Life change takes place best in the \_\_\_\_\_ !

**C. S. Lewis** writes in Mere Christianity, “[Christ] works on us in all sorts of ways . . . But above all, He works on us through each other. Men are mirrors, or “carriers” of Christ to other men . . . That is why the Church, the whole body of Christians showing Him to one another, is so important.”

**Let’s Read: Hebrews 10:24** And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **25** not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ **one another.**
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**Questions for Reflection:**

1. Are you intentional about helping others grow in the ways of Jesus?
2. Do you have a set of people around you that you know are actively thinking about how you can grow and how they can help you grow?

“Somewhere along the way we have subtly and tragically taken the costly command of Christ to go, baptize, and teach all nations and mutated it into a comfortable call for Christians to come, be baptized, and listen in one location.” — **David Platt**