

Ordinary People, Extraordinary God

Main Passages:

- Romans 10:9-13
- Romans 15:5-7
- Romans 16:3-5

Big Idea:

God uses ordinary people who faithfully follow Jesus to make an extraordinary impact.

*"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."
Romans 15:7*

1. Icebreaker

"If someone visited our home for one day, what would they learn about our family?"

Follow-up:

- What would they say is most important to us?
- Would they know we love Jesus?

Transition:

Today we're going to meet a husband and wife named Aquila and Priscilla. They weren't famous, but God used them in amazing ways because they were faithful to Jesus.

2. Read Scripture

Read:

- *Romans 10:9-13*
- *Romans 15:5-7*
- *Romans 16:3-5*

For younger children, summarize:

The gospel is for everyone who believes in Jesus. Because Jesus saves people from every background, Christians should love and welcome one another. Aquila and Priscilla were ordinary workers who opened their home and served God faithfully.

3. Discuss the Story

Truth #1: The Gospel Is For Everyone

- Read *Romans 10:13* again.

Ask:

- Who can call on the name of Jesus?
- Does God only save certain kinds of people?

Explain:

God doesn't save people because they are rich, smart, talented, or important. Anyone who trusts in Jesus can be saved.

Truth #2: The Gospel Unites Us

Read *Romans 15:7*.

Ask:

- How has Jesus welcomed us?
- Why should Christians welcome one another?

Explain:

Jesus brings together people who may look different, have different backgrounds, or like different things. Our unity comes from Jesus.

Truth #3: God Uses Ordinary People

Read *Romans 16:3-5*.

Ask:

What do we learn about Aquila and Priscilla?
Were they pastors or apostles?

Explain:

They were tentmakers. Yet God used them to encourage leaders, disciple believers, host a church in their home, and help spread the gospel.

Application:

God loves using ordinary people who are willing to say, "Here I am, Lord."

4. Family Discussion

For Younger Children:

- What do you like most about Aquila and Priscilla?
- How can you help someone this week?
- Who can you pray for?

For Older Kids and Adults:

- Why do people sometimes feel unqualified for ministry?
- What ordinary gifts has God given each of us?
- How can our family be more welcoming to others?

What opportunities do we have to serve people around us?

Family Challenge

Ask:

"What is one way our family can act like Aquila and Priscilla this week?"

Ideas:

Invite someone over for a meal.

Write encouragement cards.

Pray for a missionary.

Help a neighbor.

Welcome someone new at church.

Choose one challenge together.

5. Prayer Time (3 Minutes)

Go around the room and let everyone answer:

"One person I want God to use me to encourage is..."

Then pray:

Father, thank You that salvation comes through Jesus and is available to everyone who believes. Thank You for people like Aquila and Priscilla who faithfully served You. Help our family be welcoming, encouraging, and willing to serve wherever You place us. Use our ordinary lives for Your extraordinary purposes. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Family Takeaway

God doesn't require fame, special talents, or a platform to be useful in His kingdom. He simply asks for faithful hearts that are willing to follow Him. Like Aquila and Priscilla, our family can make a lasting impact by loving Jesus, serving others, and opening our lives to God's work.