



**Topeka Bible Church**  
**The Life of Paul, Episode 29:**  
**"A Brick Short of a Full Load"**  
**Community Group Study Questions**  
**Acts 18:24-19:7 and selected passages**

1. Apollos had a "thorough knowledge of the Scriptures" (Acts 18:24, NIV). How knowledgeable are you of the Scriptures? How can you grow in your understanding of the Bible (Psalm 119:97)?
  
2. Although Apollos knew the Scriptures, his understanding was incomplete (Acts 18:25). Was he saved? Where might your understanding of God's truth be incomplete?
  
3. What was the "baptism of John" (Acts 18:25; Mark 1:4)? Why was it so important that Priscilla and Aquila pulled Apollos aside (Acts 19:26; 1 Timothy 4:16)? How did Apollos' ministry change (Acts 19:28)?
  
4. Were the "disciples" of Acts 19:1 saved? If they "believed," why had they not received the Holy Spirit? What would have led Paul to ask them this question in Acts 19:2?

5. How was their baptism "in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 19:5 & 2:38) different than John's baptism (Acts 19:3)? In other words, how was Jesus' message different than that of John's (Acts 19:4)?
  
6. How was Paul able to invoke the Spirit's presence simply by laying his hands on these individuals (Acts 19:6 & 8:14-17)? Why is the presence of the Holy Spirit essential for our salvation and Christian life (Romans 8:9-11)?
  
7. How is the Spirit's presence in Acts 19:6 similar to other occurrences in the book of Acts (Acts 2:1-4; 10:45-46)? Does this verse reveal that every Christian will be able to speak in tongue/languages? Why or why not?

**Memory Verse:**

**"And he (Apollos) began to speak out 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."**

**(Acts 18:26, NASB)**