**Listening Guide**

**Priscilla…a heart that serves**

**Priscilla’s Story:**

* Found in scripture: Romans 16:3-4; Acts 18: 1-3, 18, 24-26; 1 Corinthians 16:19; 2 Timothy 4: 19
* Priscilla is always mentioned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her husband, Aquila.
* Priscilla was mentioned first 4 of 6 times, suggesting she was highly regarded in the Christian community as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Italian Jewish believers, forced from Rome and living in Corinth.
* Friends with Paul – opened their home to him, co-laborers, travelled with him.
* Church met in their home.
* Taught young evangelist, Apollos.
* Willing to go anywhere, any time at any cost for the cause of Christ.
* Understood that faith in Jesus Christ was not something individuals managed on their own but that teaching, worshiping, and sharing faith required \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Servanthood:**

* Three characteristics of servanthood:

1. transparent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* willing for people to see out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* unafraid for people to see our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. genuine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* test pure motives
  + willingness to be accountable
  + “nothing to prove, nothing to lose”
* authentic desire to help others

3. absolute \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* no ulterior motives; no hidden meanings; no attempts to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ others
* Our attitude should be like Jesus’ - Philippians 2:3-8
* Agape love - “benevolent love, not shown by doing what the person loved desires but what the one who loves deems as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the one loved.”
* John 3:16
  + God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ something
  + Took action
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – great sacrifice
  + To meet our need
* In serving, we will all look different. God created us with uniqueness and unique gifts and talents – doesn’t want \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* We should see ourselves as we truly are, and to treat others as better than us.

**Spiritual Gifts:**

* The traits that God has put in every Christian to help \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the body of Christ.
* Given by the Holy Spirit in some measure to all believers and that are to be wholly under His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and used for Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Given to us by God at the time of our salvation to be used for the common good of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* NOT talents, skills or abilities.
* “Each person is a unique blend of the categories of giftedness granted to that individual in connection with his or her traits and experiences and the needs of the church – each believer becomes as unique spiritually as his fingerprints are physically.” John MacArthur
* Please see additional handout for more details.
* To access the PLACE Spiritual Gifts test go to: <https://houstonsfirst.org/the-loop/ministries/women> and see “Spiritual Gifts Assessment” link under the “Becoming” tab

**Hindrances to Serving:**

* Selfishness, caring more about our wants than the needs of others and busyness.
* Comparison - we compare our faith and our actions to that of others and so often we come up \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our own estimation.
* Decide to live in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!
* 2 Corinthians 3:17

**Application:**

“Can you think of a greater gift than to be like Jesus? Christ felt no guilt; God wants to banish yours. Jesus had no bad habits; God wants to remove yours. Jesus had no fear of death; God wants you to be fearless. Jesus had kindness for the diseased and mercy for the rebellious and courage for the challenges. God wants you to have the same. He loves you just the way you are, but he refuses to leave you that way. He wants you to be just like Jesus.” Unknown

* God’s work of salvation was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the cross and all we can do is accept His gift and bow our knee in submission before Him.
* Are you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be open to God?

**May we learn to walk in Jesus, serving in His love with abandon!**

A Heart After God

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