

12 Women in the Pauline Churches

- Similarity of Christian house church structures to some other religious groups: Jews in smaller congregations, mystery religions

- Who attends the house church gathering?
- Whole families: the pattern in Acts—house of Cornelius (Acts 10) and the jailer in Philippi (Acts 16)
- But in the details, evidence of mixed family groups in which members of family groups make their own commitment: 1 Cor 7, 1 Pet 2, continuing 2nd c. (Tertullian) and 3rd (Hippolytus and slave converts)
- Maybe even invited or uninvited outsiders: 1 Cor 14:24

Some hosts of house churches

- Prisca (Priscilla) and Aquila
in Ephesus (1 Cor 16:19) and Rome (Rom 16:3-5)
- Phoebe in Cenchrae, one of the seaports of Corinth
(Rom 16:1-2)
- Nympha in Colossae (Col 4:15)

Missionary Couples

- Prisca and Aquila
- Andronicus and Junia (Rom 16:7)