



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PRC Banquet and Bottles** – The Pregnancy Resource Center is having its Annual Banquet on October 3rd. If you would like to attend, please email friendsoftracyprc.org. The cost is \$45 per person. The PRC is also having a baby bottle fundraiser. Bottles may be picked up at the table in the lobby on Sunday mornings. Please return the bottles by October 13th.
- **Discovery 101** – We are excited to hold our next Discovery 101 class next Sunday, September 29 from 3-7 pm. If you are interested in learning more about Southwinds and want to become a member of our church, join us to be introduced to the beliefs, strategy, structure and vision that serve as the foundation of Southwinds. Sign up on the APP or email info@southwindwinds.org. Childcare and a light meal provided.

MY STORY

In chapter 16, Paul describes a lot of friends, some of which he had never met but felt a gospel bond with.

Describe your best friend. What do you appreciate about them? **OR**

Describe an “old friend” that you don’t talk with much, but when you do, you pick up right where you left off.

What keeps those kinds of friendships going?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Have a Volunteer Read: Romans 16:17

Point 1: Watch for and avoid DIVISIVE AND DECEITFUL PEOPLE.

What “divisions” and “obstacles” do you think people are to avoid?

Does it seem strange to you that Paul’s advice to the church about divisive and deceptive people is to avoid them? How do you balance that if it’s someone you have to work or live with?

What (if anything) can you do to create peace with divisive people?

Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 16:19

Point 2: Grow in goodness as YOU OBEY GOD'S WORD.

How does the "fear of missing out" cause you to disobey God?

What disciplines does it take to be "wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil?"

What can your group do to increase its part in God's plan to lead all nations to believe and obey Him?

Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 16:20

Point 3: Hope and trust in GOD'S PROMISED DEFEAT OF SATAN.

How does it make you feel to think that one day, God will crush Satan under your feet?

How does that help you deal with anxiety, depression, anger, loneliness, etc.?

APPLICATION

This week examine your thoughts and actions to see if there are areas of divisiveness that needs to be addressed.

PRAISES

PRAYER REQUESTS