Romans 16:1 – 16 Band of Brothers

1 A Reliable trusted woman
A Proven woman

16:1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea; [2] that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well.

as distinguished as a missionary

2 The model couple of the New Testament
from Paul's 2nd missionary journey

[3] Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, [4] who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles; [5] also *greet* the church that is in their house. Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first convert to Christ from Asia.

Paul, their church, and All were helped

3 a motivated man
from Paul's 3rd missionary Journey

from a convert to a leader in Rome. These people were mission minded.

[6] Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. [7] Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners, who are outstanding among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. [8] Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. [9] Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys my beloved. [10] Greet Apelles, the approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the *household* of Aristobulus. [11] Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet those of the *household* of Narcissus, who are in the Lord. [12] Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, workers in the Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who has worked hard in the Lord. [13] Greet Rufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine. [14] Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brethren with them. [15] Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and

5. An older couple mentors, respected

4. A common woman
"Mary" is a common Jewish name used 6x

older Christians

fellow sufferers

5. vv 8-10 the names of slaves... and a tested man

6 a famous man

7 two former enemies...

8 two young people

9 an old person

10 A legendary man

11 men bound together socially"

12 friends of the family

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Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. [16] Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

affection and equality

the universal body of Christ

Life Group Application Questions

1. How did this array of workers make you feel ?
2. of the 12 mentioned which impacted you the most ?
3. Why was this a good way to end such a majestic book ?

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