Home Group Notes
Week of November 15, 2026
ALIVE! Through Faith in Jesus Christ
Romans 16

Hello Friends,
This is the final chapter in our journey through the book of Romans. We have learned so much about the character of God, His master plan to bring us to Himself, and His goodness toward all people. This final chapter may surprise you. From the names and descriptions of those 36 people, we know that there were women and men, Jews and Gentiles (non-Jews), people of high and low status and wealth. As you read it, think of it as a portrait of disciples making disciples, as the family of God working together to help other people know, love, and follow Jesus. And remember, we will get to meet them in heaven! Grace to you all.

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YOUR TIME OF LISTENING IN GOD'S WORD
Read through Romans 16, remembering that this is a letter to a church family in Rome. The recipients had been through very difficult times and were regathering after many families were returning from exile.

What do we learn about the apostle Paul and his ministry from his mention of 36 different people? What did he value? How do you view this group of people?

What words / actions are pictured in this listing of people and their ministries?

How is verse twenty a significant commentary and promise to theirs and all cultures? How is this promise significant to you? How does God want you to view your future?

As you read the chapter, what ministries by people do you notice?

How would you summarize this chapter?

Could you see your name in the list of people teamed up to serve God and gospel?

GROUP TIME: DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION FROM GOD'S WORD

Paul identifies 36 people that served him in the mission to reach people with the good news of Jesus. Which of their descriptions stand out to you? What does this say about these people? How does this chapter illustrate Romans 12:1-2, 6-8?

Many of the people that Paul named served with him in other places and now they are serving in Rome. From their names, we know that are from different cultures (e.g. Greek), different stations, and both women and men. What does this tell us about these people and God's work in the world? What might we learn from them?

What does this chapter reveal about God's work in the world?

Would you say that we Trinity Church looks like the picture in Romans 16?

Read together the final doxology (25-27).

This alludes to themes and motifs found throughout the book of Romans. For example:

- The preaching and power of the good news of Jesus Christ (1:16-17)
- The mystery that salvation includes Jews and Gentiles / all nations (Chapters 9-11)
- It was always the master plan of God to include all nations (15:9-12)
- Faith in Jesus Christ results in obedience and a changed lifestyle (1:5; 5:19; 16:26)

And then Paul's conclusion: "To the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen."

REFLECTION

What are your thoughts and feelings as we end this study and our conversation through Romans? Has God impressed anything on you?