Home Group Leaders' 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 books 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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HOW WILL YOU FINISH OUT OUR JOURNEY THROUGH ROMANS?

- You might want to plan together a special time next week.
    - Dinner together?
    - Communion?
    - Serve together at Micah House?
    - Fun outing?
- As always, there are notes to facilitate a walk through Romans
    - As we look beyond the surface, this chapter is a piece of the history of what God was doing to bring the good news to the nations through many disciples.
    - It is always your choice what to use to help you shepherd your group.
    - Be sure to save time for sharing at the end.

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GROUP TIME: DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION FROM GOD'S WORD

OPENING SHARING:
If a reporter came to your family reunion, what would they say portrays your clan? Are there common themes or threads?

If that same reporter came to a church in the book of Acts, what would they say is a common theme for them?

READ TOGETHER: 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.

DISCUSS: Why do you think God included this chapter in the Bible?

ASK: 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?

ASK: What do we learn about the apostle Paul and his ministry? What did he value? How do you view this group of people?

ASK: How do verses 17-20 fit into the picture that Paul presents in the first sixteen verses?
After 15 chapters and this long list, why does Paul make this final admonition and command?

SHARE / ASK: This (verse 20) is the only time that Paul's mentions "Satan" in all 16 chapters of "Romans." Why here? How does God want us to view our future?

ASK: 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?

ASK: Would you say that the people Trinity Church looks like the picture in Romans 16?

READ: Read together the final doxology (25-27).

SHARE: This passage alludes to themes 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? Did something stand out to you? Has God spoken to you about anything?