



ROMANS

Paul's co-workers to the Gentiles

Session Number: 33 | Week: 5 | Day: 4

Bible Passage

Romans 16: 1-16

Introduction

In this session, chapter 16:1-16, Paul gives his personal greeting and appreciation to special people who labored with him; Paul knew them very closely, as shown by the description he gave to each of them. Though Paul had not been to the church in Rome, this list shows that he knew many people whom he had met elsewhere in the ministry. This tells us why Paul would be courageous enough to ask them to support him in his ministry for Spain. Who is your inner circle in the ministry today?

Session Objectives

By the end of this session, the learner will have:

- Understood Paul's perspective about the mission, himself, coworkers, God, the target audience, and those who cause division in fellowship.
- Appreciated Paul's strong leadership alignment (vision, pro – vision, super – vision, and avoiding di-vision)

Session Outline

- Appreciating special people
- Partnership in the ministry
- Core value of fellowship of welcome, welfare, witness, worksheet
- Paul speaks of his friends' trust and their trustworthiness.

Connecting

- Study together in a group of two or more people.
- Begin with a prayer, asking God to bless your understanding.
- Read the passage at least twice using different Bible versions, then retell the story among your group members.
- Share the challenges and blessings from the previous day.

Comprehending

- What is co-working in the ministry? Who are the ministry partners?
- Who are the 5 inner circle, or people, (categories) groups in

your ministry? Write down their names. What would you say about them? What positive thing do you associate with them?

- Read Romans 16:1-16. Identify Paul's friends by the name he sends greetings to and what he says about each of them. Write down their names. How many are there? Tell a short story about each of them among your study community.
- What does this list in Romans 16:1-16 tell you about Paul?

Committing

- Engage with the Bible—read, study, memorize, meditate, pray, listen, and live it out.
- List three lessons you learnt as an agent of change that you would practice and teach others about
- Take time and worship Jesus with the attributes revealed about Christ now.
- Engage SPACEPETS model, to do something after the session. Look for:
 - **Sin** to confess
 - **Promise** to claim
 - **Attitude** to change
 - **Command** to keep
 - **Error** to change
 - **Prayer** to make
 - **Example** to copy
 - **Truth** to obey and
 - **Something** praiseworthy

Communicating

- Identify one person and share the lessons you learnt in this session?
- Visit or call a new believer and Pray with them over the issues they are struggling with. Issue of attending the church.
- Form another group and repeat this study.

Audio Summary

Romans 16:1-16

- **Context:**
 - Paul's mercy-driven call to service (Romans 12-15) culminates in greetings to co-workers, linking the Luke 15 brothers to Jews/Gentiles united in mission.
 - Personal ties bolster his appeal for support beyond Rome.
- **Phoebe's Commendation (Romans 16:1-2):**
 - Paul commends Phoebe, a deacon from Cenchrea, urging Rome to aid her as she aided many, including him—likely the letter's bearer (v. 1-2).
 - Mercy shines through her service, inspiring others.

- **Co-Workers' Recognition (Romans 16:3-15):**
 - Greetings to Priscilla and Aquila, risk-takers hosting a church (v. 3-5), Epenetus, Asia's first convert (v. 5), Mary, Andronicus, Junia, and more—hard workers, prisoners, kin (v. 6-15).
 - Mercy unites diverse servants—men, women, Jews, Gentiles—for Christ.
- **Fellowship Principles (Romans 16:16):**
 - Greet with a holy kiss; all churches join in (v. 16)—Paul models welcoming, witnessing, welfare, and record-keeping (worksheets).
 - Mercy fosters community, fueling mission beyond boundaries.
- **Application:**
 - Honor co-workers—men and women—as Paul did, embracing their service to extend God's mercy globally through shared labor and support.