

The Mission Is Personal **Romans 16:1-16**

The Big Idea: The Mission Is Personal

I. Care for one another

Romans 16:1-2 “I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.”

II. Celebrate God’s work in one another

Prisca and Aquila

Romans 16:3-5a “Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, [4] who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. [5] Greet also the church in their house.”

How can I leverage my life to be a worker for Christ?

Epaenetus

Romans 16:5b “Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia.”

William Carey “He may be the first, but there’s a continent behind him.”

Mary

Romans 16:6 “Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you.”

Andronicus and Junia

Romans 16:7 “Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me.”

Ampliatius

Romans 16:8 “Greet Ampliatius, my beloved in the Lord.

Urbanus and Stachys

Romans 16:9 “Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys.

Apelles

Romans 16:10a “Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ.”

Family of Aristobulus, Herodion, and the family of Narcissus

Romans 16:10b-11 “Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus.”

Philippians 4:22 “All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar’s household.”

Tryphaena, Tryphosa, and Persis

Romans 16:12 “Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord.”

Rufus and his mother

Romans 16:13 “Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well.”

Mark 15:21 “And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.”

Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, and Hermas

Romans 16:14 “Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them.”

Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas

Romans 16:15 “Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.”

Romans 16:16 “Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.”

- **It was a holy kiss**
- **It was common custom**
- **It shows family affection and unity in Christ**

What are the characteristics of the people God uses to accomplish the mission?

1. **Diverse**
2. **Love**
3. **Workers**
4. **Generous**
5. **Servants**
6. **Sacrificial**
7. **Faithful**