

²⁰The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

notes

²¹Timothy, my fellow worker, sends his greetings to you, as do Lucius, Jason and Sosipater, my relatives.

²²I, Tertius, who wrote down this letter, greet you in the Lord.

²³Gaius, whose hospitality I and the whole church here enjoy sends you his greetings. Erastus, who is the city's director of public works, and our brother Quartus send you their greetings.

²⁵Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, ²⁶but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him-- ²⁷to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Names are people and people matter.

Don't call it a list.

Rejoice in relationships.

Ministry means service.

"My name is _____,

and if you ever need _____."

My list:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

GROUP DISCUSSION

Everybody Qualifies, Romans 16
August 24 & 27

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: Who were the people you look back fondly on that were influential in attracting you to church or were great examples of warmth and godliness that kept you in Church?

Read aloud: Romans 15:22-33 but realize the questions below are for Rms. 16

OBSERVATION: What does it say?

Read the description of why Paul loves these people that is listed right after each name in Romans 16:1-20. What are the qualities of conduct and demeanor that are never to be found in a church in vs. 17-20?

INTERPRETATION: What does it mean?

If paper is so expensive, and transporting this material so laborious, why did Paul use so much space repeating the word "Greet," and why didn't he just list everyone's name one after another, and why list names when he could have said, "Greet the Church?" Did listing these names cause these people to feel highly significant? In what way? What are the actions/jobs/roles that these people played in Paul's life?

In Vs. 17-18 Paul describes false teachers and leaders. What are their characteristics? How can dissensions (vs.17) ultimately become an appetite (vs. 18?) Ever have someone speak to you in a smooth and flattering way in order to sell you something or convince of something you knew was wrong?

In Vs. 19-20 Paul describes the Roman churches obedience to the truth of God's Word, what is Paul's great goal for them? Wisdom implies great insight and knowledge, how can you be wise in what is good?

APPLICATION: So what? Who's on my list and why?

Family Time: Sit down with your children and have each one make a list of who is the most important to them and why. Put their list in a prominent place and have them add more description of why that person is important to them.