

Gospel of Peace in the Midst of Empire
What Community Looks Like

Today: Romans 16:1-25

A glimpse into Rome's faith community

Every member was valued and needed

Romans 12:9-13

Differences were meant to be celebrated

Romans 12:3-8

There were no spectators on this list

Division was taken seriously

*Romans 16:17-19; John 17:20-23; 1 Corinthians 1:10
Ephesians 4:1-4*

When and how did community change?

1. What was especially meaningful for you in Sunday's message?

2. Paul mentions many people by name in Romans 16, even though he had never been to Rome. Discuss the importance of recognizing each person as unique, with their own gifts.

Next week scriptures: Romans 16:1-25

3. The church at Rome, with rich and poor, Jew and Gentile, slaves and free, etc., had many opportunities for division. How do the principles in such verses as 1 Corinthians 10:23-24 and 1 Peter 3:8 help build unity among believers?

4. A key thought in Paul's greetings of Romans 16 is the idea of being co-workers (for example, verses 3, 6, 9 & 12). What are some ways that involvement in the life of the church makes a more vibrant body than simply attending?

5. Insights from Romans: The theme of the first four chapters of Romans is the faithfulness of God despite humanity's sin. Describe one or two things you have learned from your study of those chapters.

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