

THE GOSPEL CHANGES PEOPLE

ROMANS 16:1-16

11/02/25

I. PHOEBE (v.1-2)

- A. Servant**
- B. Patron**

II. NOTABLE THINGS ABOUT ROME (v. 3-16)

A. Diversity in the Names

1. Jew/Gentile and Slave/Free
2. Unity in the face of vast diversity – “In Christ”

B. Placement of Women

1. Women played a key role in the early church
2. The church needs women involved with...
 - Evangelism, discipleship, teaching, membership, encouragement, worship, prayer, fellowship, serving & giving

C. Necessity of Partnerships

1. Paul needed partnerships with people to accomplish the mission
2. Prisca and Aquila – Lay leaders
 - They leveraged everything for the Gospel

Colossians 3:23-24 - “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

D. Anonymity of the Gospel

- Not famous...faithful

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Why do you think Paul took the time in his letter to name so many people?
3. How does a passage like this change the way we see serving in the church? What are some ways that your Community Group can serve together at MCC?
4. Who are some people in your life who have profoundly impacted your testimony and ministry, like these individuals influenced Paul? How can we emulate their faithfulness to someone else?
5. What are some things that we learn about the early church from this chapter (it's structure, relationships, diversity, etc)?
6. Paul celebrates the faithfulness of these individuals over their fame. What does it look like to be faithful in church today? How can the church commend and celebrate faithfulness?
7. What does a passage like this teach us about the value of community within the local church?
8. What is one thing from the group or the message that you want to live out his next week? How can the group help you in achieving that?