



Small Group Discussion Notes

Romans: The Letter that Changed the World

A Collective Legacy

Romans 16

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Warm Up

Who is someone that has made a lasting impact on your life? What impact have they made?

Digging Deeper

Read Romans 16

What stands out to you about the list of people Paul has included in the final chapter of Romans?

Why do you believe Paul has placed so much emphasis over the last few chapters on unity within the Church, and the collective nature of serving together?

If you were writing this portion of the letter (chapter) to your small group, who are some of the people in your life you would list and both commend to your group and ask to have them greeted warmly?

What is the significance of Paul including a reminder in verses 17-19 about unity? Why might this be included here?

By including the names of so many who have been on mission to share the gospel, Paul speaks to the idea of a collective spiritual legacy. Meaning that it is not because of a single person that the gospel is being spread and changing lives, but rather it is the work of many men and women. What are some examples of this collective spiritual legacy that you see in the Christian Church today?

Next Steps

What are healthy steps we can take as individuals, but also collectively as Christians, to be more welcoming of other believers?

Who is someone in your life that you could thoughtfully encourage to engage in the life of the church because you appreciate them and see their potential to have kingdom impact?

What can we do to be more intentional about avoiding division in the church?

What can we do to be more intentional about building each other up?

Final Thoughts

Paul concludes the book of Romans with a benediction of sorts. Consider writing a benediction for your small group to use at the end of each study, as a way to enter back into the week with a collective and intentional missional focus.