



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning 16th October 2022



Aim of session:

Who or what is the Church and how can we identify it?

Key Scriptures

If you have access to a commentary read some background to get context.

ROMANS 16:1-16

Warm Up

Who are the Christians who have directly influenced you in your walk with Jesus? Share some memories.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

Read the passage:

1. What leaps out to you as you read the list ? (not the strange names!)
2. When you read the passage what does Paul say about people that helps us build a picture of the identity of the church in Rome?
3. What do you understand by the phrase "in Christ"?
4. What gives people dignity in our world? How does the Bible reveal dignity?
5. Where in the passage do we see courage?
6. What gives you courage? When has being a believer required courage in your life?
7. In the passage, can you find examples of Christian love demonstrated by the Church?
8. Is there evidence of equity and unity within the Roman Church? Find specific examples.
9. How do you feel about greeting others with a holy kiss?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application

10. How might someone write about you and your service to the church?
11. How can we all make VBC a place where everyone is welcome and everyone knows your name?
12. What responsibility do you have to ensure that VBC is viewed the same way Paul viewed the Roman church?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.