

Dig Deeper @Home – “For the Sake of His Name”
Complement to lesson on 4/16/23 – “Living in Harmony”

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. When you hear the word community, what’s the first thing that comes to mind?
2. Share a time you experienced positive, tight knit community.

MEMORIZE – Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

READ – Read Romans 16

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
 - a. What did the Holy Spirit cause to “jump off the page” as you read?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
 - c. What are the verses revealing about God? About people?
In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. What observations can you make about the Christian community Paul is writing to in 16: 1-16?
 - a. What comparisons/contrasts can you make to the Christian community you have been apart of?
 - b. What do you notice about variety in the list?
3. What is the main issue Paul is looking to resolve and speak into? (hint: see v17)
 - a. Why is this issue so important that Paul highlights it as final words?
4. What do you notice about obedience in 16: 17-27?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – *Greet One Another*

Read through Romans 16 again. What word is repeated over and over again? Let's take the words of Paul seriously this week and intentionally greet others: neighbors, friends, family, co-workers, faith community.

What does greeting mean? Here are some ideas: Write them a card, send them a note, greet them in person, invite them for a meal, give them a call. Bottom line: community feeds off personal interaction and grows healthier when people are connecting. So take time to intentionally greet others and connect with them.

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

Reckless Love - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc6SSHuZvQE>

Near the Cross - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=18YGgCLrIpI>

Psalm 8 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3KESHIBh8a8>

Trust and Obey - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KB4KcleYiWM>

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the series:

As you go this week, remember that you are loved by God and called to be saints. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.