

The Heart of the Matter

13. What do we learn about farewells from Paul's closing words in his letter to the believers in Rome?

14. To whom can you show love and gratitude? How will you do that?

15. What are some of the issues that cause division among believers today?

16. Living for Christ is very challenging. Where does our hope ultimately lie? How has the Lord strengthened you over the past year?

Praises and Prayer Requests



Life Group Study Guide

A Fitting Farewell Romans 16 For the Week of January 10, 2021

Getting Started

1. What idea, thought or application got your attention from this past Sunday's message?
2. When have you had to say goodbye to other people? Was it hard to say goodbye to them? If it was, why was it so hard to say goodbye to them?
3. What should be included in a "fitting farewell", especially to believers?
4. Do you have many close friendships at Bethel? Why or why not? What would help you develop closer friendships?

Digging Deeper

5. At the time the Apostle Paul wrote his letter to the Romans, he had never visited Rome or the church located there. Read 16:1-16. What observations do you make about all the personal greetings he sends to believers in Rome?

6. How does Paul express his appreciation for his 24 friends that he acknowledges? Note his various affirmations of his co-workers and others who mean much to him.

7. Who are individuals that you have served with in various ministries at Bethel or at other churches? How would you commend them?

8. Who are some other people who have impacted your life? How could you express gratitude for them?

9. Why don't we express our appreciation and thankfulness for others more often than we do?

10. What warning does Paul give believers in 16:17-18? What are the motives of these troublemakers? How do they cause division? Who are those who cause division among believers today? What should be our response?

11. How does Paul commend the believers in Rome according to 16:19-20? What are his desires for them? How would you commend your friends? What are your desires for them?

12. Read Paul's doxology in the closing verses, 16:25-27. Where does our hope lie? How does the Lord strengthen us? What is God's ultimate purpose for us?