

Women's Discipleship
Romans 15 & 16
"Service"
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Paul's teaching in Romans 14 on the responsibilities of the strong and weak brothers in living a life of sensitivity (denying our freedoms) and preference towards one another spills over into Chapter 15. Especially the strong in the faith helping and bearing with those who are weak. He sets forth Christ the Lord as our supreme example as our model to follow. "For even Christ did not please Himself" (vs3)

1. From this “Service” section (Chapters 13-16) list the ways Christ is our example (and reference the specific verse).
2. Summarize what Paul says concerning his ministry for the sake of the gospel.
3. In what ways did the apostles want the /gentile converts to help the persecuted believers in Jerusalem?
4. From Chapter 15 what can we learn about prayer? And how can the understanding of God’s divine sovereignty be in perfect harmony with human prayer?
5. In Chapter 16, Paul specifically notes how some Christians served by “working hard” for them or were “co-workers in Christ” with Paul. In what ways do you think they worked hard and in what ways would you like to “work harder” for your brothers and sisters in Christ?

6. What can the church learn today from the saints in Romans 16 who exhibited a great deal of humility serving primarily as helpers, not leaders?

7. How valuable were the women and their ministries at the church of Rome?

8. How does the gospel establish or strengthen believers?

9. Paul begins and ends his beloved letter to the Romans in very similar fashion with 4 affirmations. Compare the opening 5 verses of Romans 1 with the doxology in 16:25-27. What 4 aspects of Paul's message are essentially repeated?