



Sermon Discussion Guide

November 16th, 2025 | Romans 16:1-16 | Pastor Greg Doty

Series // Transformed : Romans 12-16

Summary

As we wrap up our series through the last few chapters in Romans, Paul is beginning to conclude his remarks about how the Gospel transforms every aspect of our lives. However, the Gospel not only transforms our lives individually but it transforms our communities. Pastor Greg's sermon had three points: community in Christ, community in differences, and community of knowing and being known. While normal communities are usually formed around shared interests such as sports teams, hobbies, etc. We, as believers, are brought together by a common Savior. Paul reminds the church in Rome that no matter who they are, they are united in Christ. True community grows when followers of Christ openly share their struggles and stories, discovering that others say, "me too," and finding unity in Jesus' work in their lives. Pastor Greg also pointed out that while the people within the church will have differences, the Gospel is open for anyone, no matter their gender, race, or social class or status. Lastly, something noteworthy about the text is that Paul not only names people, but also mentions something about them or something they have done. This shows us that true community is about knowing others and being known by them, as we are all known and loved by Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

Community in Christ

- What are some communities you belong to that are based on shared interests? How is Christian community different?
- How can forgetting that Christ is what unites us keep us from experiencing Gospel community?
- Why is it powerful when someone says "me too" in response to our struggles?
- What fears or barriers keep people in the church from opening up to one another?

Community in Differences

- Why is it important for Christians to embrace diversity (ethnic, social, economic, personality, background) within the body of Christ?
- Where do you see divisions or categories in today's church that the Gospel calls us to break down?

Community of Knowing and Being Known

- What's the difference between merely attending church and actually being known by others?
- What steps can we take to genuinely see, value, and encourage the people around us—just as Paul did?
- Who is one person you could intentionally encourage this week, and what would that encouragement look like?
- How might God be calling you to help strengthen the community in your church or small group?