
Date: August 30, 2026 **Message:** Why We Do What We Do

Series: Romans **Scripture:** Romans 16 (select verses)

People Matter:

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Truth Matters:

The Gospel is our only hope:

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Romans 16 (select verses)

1. Have you experienced a time when someone remembering something small about you made you feel genuinely valued? What did that communicate to you?
2. Who is someone in your life who might be easy to overlook right now—a coworker, neighbor, family member, person at church, etc.? What would it look like for you to intentionally notice, remember, or welcome that person this week?
3. Paul seems to have known a remarkable number of people personally. What does that challenge you to consider about the way you relate to people in an increasingly isolated culture?
4. In addition to welcoming many people, Paul also tells the Romans to watch out for teaching that leads people away from the truth. Discuss the difficulty of welcoming people while also being on guard for how they may lead the group astray.
5. Where are you most vulnerable to allowing the culture around you—or your own desires—to define what is good, true, or beautiful rather than Scripture?
6. When have you applied the Gospel to insecurities, failures, comparisons, or fears? How did you specifically coach yourself in those moments?
7. Why do we so easily look for our worth in things like achievement, status, approval, relationships, or success—even when we already know the Gospel? What happens when those things become the source of our identity?
8. Bridges mission is to demonstrate that people matter, truth matters, and the Gospel is our only hope in everything we do. How do you think these three actually depend on one another? What happens if we emphasize one while neglecting the others?