



# STUDY GUIDE

## RIGHT WITH GOD 10.18.2015

### [set up]

When you take pictures with family members, what are some common shared traits you see in the photos?

When you look at the “family photo” of the church, what are some common traits that all believers share?

### [digging deeper]

This week we wrap up our “Right with God” series through the book of Romans. What have been some of the messages or verses from Romans that have really impacted you, stayed with you, convicted you, or prompted you to make changes or adjustments in your life?

Whenever we wrap up a letter or email, we want to end with information and a tone that is meaningful. Romans 16 is Paul wrapping up his letter to his fellow Christians in Rome. Go ahead and read Romans 16 now (have fun with the names). ☺

Notice Paul doesn't just mention a long list of names but says something about each person. What does that tell us about his personal connection to people? How is Paul an example for us in this chapter of how he engaged relationally?

- Which names, roles, and/or contributions of people stood out to you?
- Which one of the names within this list is a person you feel most like?
- Which one do you feel least like?
- Which of Paul's commendations to one of these people do you wish was truer of you?

The shared characteristic of the church that was focused on last weekend was that we are “called.” Interact more on the three ways we are called:

### Called to Christ

- Where is this evidenced in Romans 16?
- When did you come to faith?
- Who did God use most in calling you to Christ?
- Additional verses for study: Rom. 1:1-7; 2Tim. 1:9; Col 3:15

### **Called to Care for each other**

- Where is this evidenced in Romans 16?
- How have you felt cared for by the church?
- How have you experienced the joy of caring for others in the church?
- Additional verses for study: Eph. 4:32; Rom. 12:10; Gal. 6:2

### **Called to Reach the Lost**

- Where is this evidenced in Romans 16?
- Who are you currently reaching out to through prayer & conversation (New Life 10/24)?
- When is the last time you took the bold step of sharing the Gospel in part or in whole?
- Additional verses for study: Mark 16:15-16; Matt. 28:19-20; Rom. 10:13-15

### **[living it out]**

It was said Sunday that this last week in Romans wasn't really a conclusion, but a catapult. What does that mean and how is or can it be true in your life?

Here are four specific action steps from this study. Pick at least two, but shoot for all four if possible:

- Action step 1 – Before you end tonight, practice the three circles conversation in your LifeGroup. Need a refresher? <http://www.cvconline.org/3-circles/>
- Action step 2 – Make sure you are at the free “Unbelievable Gospel” equipping even this Saturday 10/24 from 9am-1pm. Register here: <http://www.cvconline.org/unbelievable-gospel/>
- Action step 3 – Take last Sunday's challenge to do a LifeHouse fall meal in the next four weeks to reach out to your neighbors. Set a date on your calendar tonight and share with your LifeGroup. Invite a person or two from your LifeGroup to join you.
- Action step 4 – As modeled by Paul, you can write a letter to a fellow believer encouraging and affirming them and sharing your appreciation for the gifts you see in their life and how God is using them.