

# Growth Group Discussion Q's

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**Fun Discussion Starter:** If you had to pick only one food to eat for the rest of your life, what would it be?

## Message Review

The names listed in Romans 16 represents not the “who’s who” of the Roman church but simply the only people Paul knew there. He commends them as solid Christians who are actively serving Jesus and credible sources to vouch for his character and ministry. An interesting observation about this group is its diversity. The people whom Paul calls friends and fellow workers of the gospel represent both rich and poor, men and women, Jew and Greek, slave and free.

## The Diversity of the Group

- Read Galatians 3:28
- How do the diverse group that Paul references in Romans 16 reflect the union of all believers in Christ?
- How ought this to be reflected today? What are helpful ways that the modern church can be intentional about inclusivity as it relates to race, gender, social or economic status?

## How God Reveals our Calling

- One the observations about this chapter in Romans is that no matter what perceived advantages or disadvantages each person may have had in the world, they were fulfilling God’s calling in their lives in the church.
- How has God revealed to you a particular way you can impact others around you for the Kingdom of God? How have you moved toward this calling?
- Do you see how God has used your personality, life circumstance, skills, gifting, interests or personal story to shape your calling?
- How have other people in your life affirmed or encouraged your contribution?

## Obstacles to Our Calling

- There are many ways that we discount our impact and calling. We think that God cannot use us because... I am too young, too old, too shy, under educated, have a broken past, etc.
- Are there specific things about your own life or story that you feel are holding you back?
- What examples of the individuals that Paul commends give you encouragement that He can use you right where you are at...today?

## How God Empowers Us

- God equips every believer with the Holy Spirit to empower us for his service to give us the courage to step out in obedience to his calling (see Eph 3:20-21; 2Peter 1:3; 2Chron 16:9).
- Is there a particular area of service or group of people you feel drawn to?

- Are there skills you possess or personal interests that you can use to invest in the good of others in Jesus' name?
- Is there an aspect of your personal story and life experience that may be an encouragement to others who are experiencing something similar?