

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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Romans 16

1. What is Paul doing in verses 1-2?
 - a. He is “commending to” the Roman church “our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church.”
 - b. He is including here a letter of affirmation and reference or recommendation so that the church knows who Phoebe is and has been in another local church.
 - c. He is asking them to support her and give her what she needs.
 - d. He is letting them know that she has been a “giver” or “supporter” to the him and to others.

2. What is a deacon and how does this compare to other instructions Paul has given about women in the church? _____
What does Paul say in verses 3-4? _____

3. Who are Priscilla & Aquila (see Acts 18-19, Acts 26, 1 Corinthians 16:19, and 2 Timothy 4:19)?
 - a. A couple who travelled, worked, and ministered alongside Paul.
 - b. A couple who became church leaders together when Paul left them behind with a fledgling church that needed leaders.
 - c. A couple who, interestingly, is always mentioned in scripture in order with the wife first, which usually denotes that she had a higher social standing than her husband.

4. Who are all the people mentioned in verses 5-15?
 - a. People that Paul wanted the Roman church to greet on his behalf.
 - b. Uhh...that’s about all I know.
 - c. Many are held by Christian tradition to be some of the 70 who followed Jesus, people who held positions of leadership in the early church, and people who were well regarded by the apostles and the church.
 - d. A bunch of people...and an unusually large number of them are women, who have been important in the ministry of the early church.

5. What does Paul urge in verse 17? _____

What does he say about “such people” in verse 18? _____

6. What does Paul say about the Roman church in verse 19? _____

What does Paul say about God and the church in verse 25? _____

7. Isn’t it good to know what Paul so confidently proclaims and affirms about God and know what he could do in your life? _____