Romans 16

- 1. What role did Phoebe play in the church at Cenchrea?
 - a. What argument do some liberals make from this passage?
 - b. According to the very next verse (2), what did Phoebe actually do?
- 2. Some individuals in this chapter were honored for their willingness to use their house as a meeting place for church assemblies ("the church in their house.") Does this phrase describe location? or some type of special *organization*?
 - a. *Thought Question:* How did the Boston/Crossroads movement use these so-called "house church" passages?
- 3. Considering Romans 16:3-5 + Acts 18:1-3, 18-19, 26, answer the following about Priscilla and Aquila:
 - a. Concerning where they lived: Came from _____? Met Paul at _____? Moved to ______, where Paul left them. Moved back to _____ (inferred from Rom. 16)
 - b. They and Paul were of what same trade?
 - c. Whose error did they correct at Ephesus?
 - d. What had they "risked" in their service to God?
 - e. What exceptional thing was their house used for?
 - f. Who else in this chapter allowed their house to be used for this spiritual service?

- 4. This chapter names several Christians of Paul's acquaintance, both men and women, Jews and Greeks. While the particulars may vary, for what *general* reason were they honored by Paul?
- 5. What phrase does Paul use to represent the churches with whom he associated? Is this phrase scriptural to use today?
- 6. There has been much controversy over the practice that some derogatorily call "name calling." But what does Paul tell saints to do in Romans 16:17?
 - a. What does Paul do in 1 Timothy 1:20; 2 Timothy 2:17; 4:10 & 14?
 - b. What did Paul tell us to do in 1 Corinthians 11:1?
- 7. How would God "crush Satan under [the saints'] feet shortly?"
- 8. According to verse 20, Tertius was Paul's amanuensis (aman-u-en-sis). What did he do for Paul?
- 9. *Thought Question:* From the names mentioned in verse 23, what can we conclude about where Paul was when he wrote the Roman letter?
- 10. From verses 25 and 26 (and 19), for what purpose was the gospel revealed?
 - a. How does this harmonize with the Roman epistle's theme of "justification by **faith**?"