



Worship Service
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Pursuing Gospel Mobilization

CREATIVE ACCESS: Persevering to Advance the Gospel in Hard Places

Lesson Four • Romans 16:1-16, 21-23

The Pursuit of Gospel Mobilization

Welcoming and Greeting Will Help Paul **PURSUE** Gospel Mobilization!

Receiving outsiders **ENCOURAGES** gospel unity and recognizing proven workers **EMPOWERS** gospel mobilization.

Gospel Mobilization

Empowering others to **DISCOVER** the diverse ways God has shaped them to fulfill the Great Commission through the local church.

The Priorities of Gospel Mobilization

1. Mobilize with Gospel **EQUALITY**.

"in the Lord" (6x), "in Christ (Jesus)" (4x), "to Christ" (1x), "of Christ" (1x)

2. Mobilize with Gospel **DIVERSITY**.

Gospel Diversity Looks Like...

1. **RACIAL** diversity
2. **FAMILY** diversity
3. **FINANCIAL** diversity
4. **SOCIAL** diversity
5. **SPIRITUAL** diversity
6. **VOCATIONAL** diversity

3. Mobilize with Gospel **COMPLEMENTARITY**.

Complementarity: Men and women are equal in value but different in their roles in the home and the church. They complement and complete one another in differing roles.

Egalitarianism: Men and women are equal in everything and every way. Therefore, men and women can fulfill the same roles in marriage and ministry.

37 people mentioned in the whole chapter including **10** women.

7 of these women are described with ministry terms.

3 of these are in the eye of the storm over women's roles in ministry:

Phoebe (v. 1), **Prisca/Priscilla** (v. 3), **Junia** (v. 7)

Paul Values, Honors, and Celebrates Women in Ministry, So Should We!

- **Saints** in the Lord (v. 2)
- **Sisters** in Christ (v. 2, cf. v 15)
- **Spouses & Singles:** Spouses (vv. 3, 13); Singles [?] (vv. 2, 13, 15)
- **Servants** of Christ, Christians, & Churches (vv. 1, 4, 6, 12)
- **Supporters** of Christians/Churches as well as Missionaries/Missions (vv. 1, 5)
- **Sent Ones** as Missionaries (vv. 7 [?])
- **Sharers** of Heart & Home (vv. 5, 13, 15)
- **Sacrifices** Living in the Lord's Service (vv. 3-4, 6-7, 12; cf. 12:1-2)

But **none** are **Shepherds** in the role of Pastors/Elders/Overseers who lead and teach the local church with authority. (See 1Timothy 2:11-15; 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9.)

As Complementarians, What Do We Need to Remember from Romans 16?

4. Mobilize with Gospel **UNITY**. Romans 16:16

- Stay united **WITHIN** the local church: "Greet on another with a holy kiss!"
- Stay united **BETWEEN** local churches: "All the churches of Christ greet you!"

Mobilizing God's people to advance the gospel in hard places calls for diversity and unity in Christ even in hard times.