

# DISCIPLES

## **WEEK 7 Honorable Mention Disciples**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Paul gives an honourable mention to 34 people in the last chapter of the book of Romans but provides little or no information about most of them. Each of these disciples was significant enough for Paul to name and to acknowledge their service to God. Lets see what we can learn form this group of 34 unsung disciples of Jesus that we can apply to our lives.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Who are some of the unsung heroes at your place of work? Are there unsung heroes who have been a part of your life that you could give a shout out to today?
2. Read Romans 16:1-2. Talk about what role Phoebe filled in the church and what we know about her from these few verses. Now read 1 Timothy 3:8-13. What can we add to what we know about Phoebe based on these deacon characteristics? Do you see yourself as a potential 'deacon' person at new hope?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. The metaphor of the human body illustrates the connectedness we are to experience as fellow disciples. What do verses 22-24 say about the way we are to treat the less notable disciples?
4. Read the remainder of Romans 16. Recognize the potential significance of this group of people in the Roman church. What do you suppose Paul would have considered noteworthy about these people?
5. For further insight...read the final chapters of each of Paul's letters to the churches in the New Testament. These concluding remarks of Paul give very specific summary information for disciples of Jesus to follow. (Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians)

### **MOVING FORWARD**

*A prayer: "Lord, help me be like these unsung disciples highlighted in Romans 16. Help me to apply the instructions Paul left for us as disciples of Jesus.*