

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, June 1, 2014

Passage: Romans 16:17-23

Memory Passage: Romans 16:17-18

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 16:17-23.** What do you think accounts for the change in Paul's tone and content in vs. 17-20?
- (b) Does Paul consider the divisive people in vs. 17-18 to be believers or unbelievers and how do you know?
- (c) What does Paul mean when he says in v. 18 that these people, "serve their own appetites (lit. "bellies")?"
- (d) Is their deception through "smooth talk and flattery" (v. 18) intentional or unintentional?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 16:17-23.** To what types of divisions is Paul referring in v. 17?
- (b) Explain how these divisive people "create obstacles contrary to the doctrine" the Romans "have been taught" and what these obstacles are.
- (c) What types of obstacles might we see created today in BCC, what doctrines would they be challenging, and how should we deal with the divisions they could cause?
- (d) For what reasons in Paul's other writings does he command us to avoid people (cf. 1 Cor. 5:9, 11; 2 Thess. 3:6, 14; 2 Tim. 3:5; Titus 5:10-11)?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 16:17-23.** What purpose does the "for" that begins v. 19 serve (i.e. how is their obedience connected with the deception warned against in v. 18)?
- (b) In what ways can we at BCC promote and teach each other how to become "wise to what is good?"
- (c) What does it look like for a person to be "innocent to what is evil," and how does a person gain this ability?
- (d) How does being "wise to what is good and innocent to what is evil" help the Romans (and us!) know who to avoid?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 16:17-23 & Gen. 3:15.** How does Gen. 3:15 help you understand Paul's promise in 16:20?
- (b) In what way will Satan be crushed "under your feet," and how does this fuel encouragement in the area of identifying false teachers and being "wise to what is good and innocent to what is evil?"
- (c) Meditate on the truths that God is a God of peace and a God of grace. How do these characteristics cement Paul's teaching, and in what way do they motivate you to live for God's glory in light of false teachers you might encounter today?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 16:17-23, Acts 16:1-3, 17:5-9, 20:4, 1 Cor. 1:14, 4:17, & 2 Tim. 4:20.** What do you learn about some of the people who send greetings through Paul in 16:21-23, and what purposes do these greetings from those in Corinth serve?
- (b) Why do you think Paul used Tertius as his amanuensis (secretary)?
- (c) In what way is Gaius "host to the whole church?"

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Warnings & Greetings from Corinth

In Romans 16:17-23 Paul conveys 1 warning and 8 greetings prior to ending his letter with a doxology.