

4. In what ways is “hospitality the ground zero of the Christian faith”? Share an example or story.

5. Review Galatians 3:26-28, Colossians 3:11, and Revelation 7:9-10. Based on these verses, what do the people of God look like? How should this influence what our churches look like?

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## SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

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The Fellowship of the Gospel (A Series on Romans 12-16)  
“Gospel Fellowship”  
Romans 16:1-16

### **There are two ways to view the New Testament letters and both are true.**

First, the New Testament letters are \_\_\_\_\_ letters that were written to \_\_\_\_\_ people.

Second, the New Testament letters are God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans is a real letter originally sent \_\_\_\_\_ people who are not us. But it’s also God’s word which is \_\_\_\_\_ us right now.

### **1. Phoebe models gospel fellowship through servant leadership (Rom 16:1-2).**

Matthew 20<sup>25</sup> “...You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. <sup>26</sup> But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. <sup>28</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**2. Priscilla and Aquila model gospel fellowship through sacrificial hospitality (Rom 16:3-5).**

“The way they practiced hospitality became a living, breathing example of the theology they were teaching. They didn’t see me as a project, but as a neighbor. Hospitality, biblically-speaking, takes strangers and makes them neighbors and takes neighbors and makes them the family of God.”

—Rosaria Butterfield

**3. The Roman Christians model gospel fellowship through unity, not uniformity.**

**Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions**

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week’s sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Review Matthew 20:25-28. In what ways is Jesus our best example of “servant leadership”? How can you intentionally exercise Jesus’s kind of servant leadership at church, home, or work?
3. The word from which we translate “hospitality” in Greek literally means, “the love of strangers.” In what ways does this definition refine your understanding of hospitality? (Review Luke 14:12-14 and James 2:1-13 for further discussion.)