**“What Christian Love Looks Like”**

**(Romans 16:1-16)**

**We are often tempted to skip over a long list of names in our Bible reading, but the list in Romans 16 is a gold mine of instruction for us. Paul has called us to be “kindly affectioned to one another in brotherly love” (Romans 12:10), and now he shows what that should look like in a church by the. . .**

**Commendation of Phoebe (1-2)**

* **Because She’s a Sister**
* **Because She’s a Servant**
* **Because She’s a Supporter**

**Commitment of Priscilla & Aquila (3-5a)**

* **Christ-centered Co-workers**
* **Courageous Comrades**
* **Capable Church-Planters**

**Caring Heart of Paul (5b-16)**

* **Expresses His Affection**
* **Emphasizes Their Union**
* **Esteems Their Contribution**

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**Icebreaker: Write a word or phrase of something you appreciate about each person in your group. Give paper to leader who will read what the group said about each person.**

**1. Phoebe is called a “servant of the church.” What does it mean to you to be a**

**servant?**

**2. What kind of a welcome does Paul want the church at Rome to extend to**

**Phoebe? How can we show this kind of love and hospitality today?**

**3. Why is Paul so grateful for Priscilla & Aquilla? How can we continue to**

**work effectively together as a team at Cornerstone?**

**4. Paul mentions over 20 people by name in a church where he has never been.**

**What lessons on showing “Christian love” can we learn from Paul’s**

**expressions of gratitude for all these people?**

**Small Group Prayer**

**Include a prayer for our church family to strengthen our bonds of love and affection for each other, regardless of differences.**

**Digging Deeper**

**Look up each passage that mentions Priscilla (Prisca) & Aquilla and jot down your observations. How does their dedication challenge you? (See Acts 18:2, 18, 26; Romans 16:3; 1 Corinthians 16:19; 2 Timothy 4:19)**

**Prayerfully consider a way that you can show love, kindness, honor and/or hospitality to someone in our fellowship this week - perhaps someone that is not in your normal circle of social activity.**