Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Romans
Message: The Faithful Unknowns

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Memory Verse: Romans 6:23 NIV

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: This Gospel message saves, transforms, strengthens, and makes us obedient to Christ.

Read Romans 16

1. Phoebe is commended as a faithful servant and is to be received and supported in the Lord (vv 1-2). Who in your life has quietly and faithfully served or supported you in your faith, as Phoebe did for Paul? Paul tells the church to "help her in whatever she may need." Who in your current circle is carrying a heavy load, and what is one specific, practical way you could "help them in whatever they need" this week?

2. Prisca and Aquila are honored for risking their lives and for opening their home for ministry (vv 3–5). What kinds of risks might believers be asked to take today for the sake of the gospel? What is a step you can take outside of your comfort zone for Christ?

3. A variety of believers are recognized for their hard work in the Lord (vv 6-10). What stands out to you about the number and variety of people involved in



ministry? How does this challenge the idea that meaningful service belongs mainly to church staff? How do you see yourself working for Christ?

4. Believers are greeted warmly and encouraged to greet one another with affection (vv 11–16). The gospel creates a community where people are known, welcomed, and loved. Why do you think being known by name and acknowledged personally carries so much value? How can we grow in our ability to welcome people well in all areas of our life?

5. Believers are cautioned to watch out for division and teachings that lead people astray (vv 17-18). How can we stay "innocent as to evil" without being naive? What habits help you keep your mind focused on what is true rather than getting sucked into "smooth-talking" deception?

6. The news about the believers' obedience has become widely known (v 19). Their obedience to Christ wasn't hidden—it was visible, noticeable, and encouraging to others. What does this verse suggest about the connection between personal faith and public reputation? Paul tells the Romans that their obedience is "widely known." Who is someone in our church or your life whose "obedience" has encouraged you lately? How can you tell them that this week?

7. Paul ends Romans not with instruction, but with worship. After unpacking sin, salvation, grace, justification, sanctification, unity, obedience, and mission, he reminds us: it is all for God's glory (v 27). What does this verse reveal about the ultimate purpose of everything Paul has written? What does it look like to glorify God as we live each day?