



## FINDING HIDDEN TREASURE

ROMANS 16:1-27 \* NOVEMBER 19, 2023

### DON'T OVERLOOK THESE IMPORTANT LESSONS

- ① These are \_\_\_\_\_ letters to \_\_\_\_\_ people.
  - This is the \_\_\_\_\_ Word of God.
  - These letters were not written \_\_\_\_\_; but they were written \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The Bible is not so much a single \_\_\_\_\_; it is a collection of \_\_\_\_\_ books and letters containing law, history, poetry, songs, letters, prophecy, etc.
- ② Christianity is a \_\_\_\_\_ sport — and it's more like \_\_\_\_\_ than it is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - It's not so much an \_\_\_\_\_ quest to \_\_\_\_\_ God better.
  - It's more that we're on a \_\_\_\_\_ project learning to \_\_\_\_\_ God better.

→ We do have a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with God, but it is not a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with God.

③ Every person \_\_\_\_\_ in God's economy — there is no such thing as \_\_\_\_\_.

### LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Make a list of ways you can support someone. How have you been supported in each of those ways?
2. Read Romans 16:1-16. In spite of the fact that Paul had never been to Rome, he sends greetings to more than 25 people by name. What previous contacts did Paul have with these people? Why does he appreciate them?
3. Use your imagination. From what we know about Paul and the Romans, how might the people in this chapter have "risked their lives," "worked very hard" and "been a great help" to Paul and others? In what practical ways might we imitate their example?
4. Read Romans 16:21-23(24). The body of Christ is made up of a diverse group of people, but at times the variation in our strengths and abilities can result in some misunderstandings. How does knowing that the church is meant to have differing gifts and roles help us appreciate that there are no "little people" on the team?
5. Read Hebrews 10:24-25. We talked about how all too often we trip up in thinking that Christianity is just an individual pursuit of knowing God. We forget that regular connection with believers is essential to tuning into and being led by the Holy Spirit. How does this passage describe and emphasize this point?
6. Read Romans 16:25-27. How do the final words of this letter summarize the scope of our salvation from beginning to end?