



**NOWTHEN
ALLIANCE
CHURCH**

STUDY GUIDE

For the sermon on June 14, 2020

Romans 15-16

REFLECT | REVIEW

Review and reflect on the Scriptures and important points of the sermon.

In Paul's outline, we find that chapter 15-16 finish his conversation on our relationship with believers that are weaker or stronger than us and move towards his concluding thoughts in the letter.

You can break Romans down broadly into 4 parts (These titles come from N.T. Wright and Michael Bird).

1. Unveiling God's righteousness (1-4)
2. From new covenant to new creation (5-8)
3. God's faithfulness and Israel's unbelief (9-11)
4. Faithfulness and fellowship in the wider world (12-16)

ENGAGE | ENCOURAGE

Consider together what God is asking you to do and encourage each other.

Read **Romans 15:1-4** What is Paul's primary hope for people of faith in these verses? What does it mean to "bear with the failings" of someone else? How might this be in tension with pleasing ourselves?

Romans 14:5-7 tells us what the end result and hope Paul has for the people of God is. How would you sum it up in a word? Would you say this is what the people of God are known for today? Why or why not?

Romans 15:14-16 While Paul has said some challenging things to the Roman believers in this letter, he has belief they can accomplish them. Do you see that hope today? Where? Are there things you personally need to be reminded of or challenged on from the letter to the Romans? What are they?

Romans 16:1-16 – gives a list of people that Paul was honoring. Does anything from the list, or any individuals stand out to you?

Romans 16:17 – is Paul’s last challenge in the letter. What is significant about it to you? How are both false teachings and divisions damaging to God’s people and our witness?

LOOKING AHEAD

Next week we will be talking about Peace. Identify areas in your life you could use more peace and think through how God might bring that peace to us.