



**HATFIELD
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**

LIFE GROUP GUIDELINE TERM 2 WEEK 7

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A servant hero

'I commend to you Phoebe our sister,
who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea.'

Romans 16:1 (NKJV)

Icebreaker

Make a circle and whisper a message in the ear of the person to your right. That person must do the same until the message reaches the last person in the circle. The last person must say the message out loud and then compare it to the original message. Is there a big difference? Can you see the importance of a skilled messenger? (*The message should not be too short and a little challenging, maybe a verse from the Bible that is seldom quoted*)

Introduction

The letter of Romans was carried to the congregation in Rome by a remarkable lady, chosen by the apostle Paul himself. Phoebe was a common name in Roman culture and she was probably a slave in earlier years. She overcame her past and grew into a special kind of woman in a culture where women had no value. Paul also esteemed her and she eventually became a deacon (leader) in the church. She carried the letter with great courage in dangerous times when it was risky to do so. We probably have the book of Romans in our Bible today because of the diligence with which Phoebe carried the letter to the church in Rome. She is an example to every believer as she continued to make a difference and allowed others to find the Lord Jesus.

Discussion

- There are four principles that we can see in Phoebe's life. Share how you interpret each principle and the way you can implement or apply it in your own life:

- She was FAITHFUL. She was trustworthy and she did not allow her past to dictate her future.
 - She was FIERCE. She did not allow the perception other people had of her to define who she was. She looked at Christ and how He perceived her.
 - She was FANTASTIC. Her position was a platform which God used to make a way for others and she availed herself to God.
 - She was FABULOUS. She lived her life for Jesus and inspired people to want what she had. Her courage paved the way for others to find the Lord Jesus.
- Are you willing to be a servant hero in God's Kingdom and trust Him to lead you to make a difference, like He did with Phoebe?
 - What do you currently face that you need courage for?
 - In which areas do you feel you should be more diligent?
 - What can you do in your workplace, college, gym, etc. this week to make a difference for God?

Prayer

- We are often quick to disqualify ourselves and constantly need reminding of the grace and love of God. Ask the Lord for a fresh revelation that we may see ourselves as He sees us. Although we are more sinful than we could ever know, we are indeed more loved and accepted than we could ever imagine or hope.
- Pray that we will avail ourselves to the Lord to make a difference in this world for Him.
- Give thanks to the Lord for His Word, which is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
- Pray for a hunger to read and study His Word more diligently.
- Pray for those needing courage and for any personal prayer requests.