DISCUSSION GUIDE

LEARNING BY EXAMPLE
Romans 15:22-16:16
Not Ashamed (Romans) – Week 43

ICEBREAKER: If you could bring back a fashion trend, what would it be and why?

OVERVIEW: God wants you to grow as a Christian. The Bible commands us to "become mature (2 Cor 13:11)." We are commanded to "grow in every way into him who is the head – Christ (Eph 4:15)." Peter wrote that we need to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Pt 3:18)." To grow in "grace" is to grow in the Christian graces, or Christlike virtues. To grow in "knowledge" is to grow in your knowledge of Christ and in your relationship with Him. God uses different things to grow us – His word, circumstances, and the example of others. This week we are studying what we can learn from the example of the Christians in the Roman church.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's sermon?)

2. Tell about someone who has made a big, positive impact on you through their example.

3. How has God used someone's bad example to help you?

4. How has your example positively impacted others?

5. Read Colossians 4:12-13 and answer the following questions.
   a. Who was Epaphras?

   b. What does this passage say about Epaphras?

   c. What can we learn from Epaphras's example?

6. Read Romans 15:22-16:16 and jot down any example that jumps out at you. Share this with the group.

7. What can we learn from Paul's example in Romans 15:22-29?

8. What can we learn from Phoebe's example in Romans 16:1-2?

9. What can we learn from the example of Prisca and Aquilla in Romans 16:3-5.

10. How do you need to grow so that you can be a better example to the people around you?

The Last Word: "*Vivitur exemplis* (Life is lived by example). Examples have more influence upon us than precepts. A soldier, seeing his general fight valiantly, is animated by his example and has new spirits put into him." Thomas Watson

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