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es-sen-tials (ĭ-sĕn'shəlz) – *noun* – those things that are necessary and basic to life. In biochemistry essentials are substances that are required for normal functioning but cannot be synthesized by the body and therefore must be included in the diet. Essentials are those things that are fundamental to the spiritual health of the professing Christian.

The Letter of the Apostle Paul to the

Romans

A BIBLE STUDY

SESSION SIXTEEN

Romans 15:14-16:27

Questions for Session Sixteen

1. How does Paul preface his final remarks to the Roman Christians in v. 14? How does he encourage these early believers? To which group of people has Paul been called to preach the gospel?

2. Beginning with v. 17, what has Paul's obedience to God led him to do? Which prophet is Paul quoting in v. 21? To what power does Paul owe the accomplishment of his spreading the Good News across Asia Minor?

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3. Where is Paul headed in vv. 23-29? How does he hope to accomplish a visit to the Christians in Rome? Where does he have to go, and what does he have to do prior to his visit to the Romans?

4. What does Paul ask of the Roman Christians in vv. 30-32? How does he want them to join him in his struggle? What is Paul's wish for his trip to take the offering to the people at Jerusalem?

5. What is the purpose of Paul's instructions for greeting everyone listed in the first part of chap. 16? Who are these people, and why does Paul specifically mention each one?

6. Explain vv. 17-18. How can this teaching become a remedy for the turmoil that exists in many of the local churches in the twenty-first century? How have you dealt with this kind of problem within your own congregation?

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7. How does v. 19 play into Paul's instructional letter to the people in the early Church at Rome? Explain v. 19b. What does your commentary teach you about wisdom and innocence over what is good and evil?

8. Explain the ways Paul lifts up the name of the LORD in his closing in vv. 25-27. Think about v. 27, and explain how the obedience of Jesus Christ works to glorify God both then and now.

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