

The People are the Church

1 Corinthians 16:15-24 / Sunday, May 27th

1.) Now with Paul's final words he shows his love for the people who serve in the church. Not only do these people "serve in the church", but they _____ the church!

2.) Christianity isn't about getting your own way or getting to do what you want to do but recognizing God's call on one another's lives and _____ to the Holy Spirit.

3.) Verse 29 shows us that Aquilla and Priscilla had a church group meeting in their home. This is often how God raises up leaders into the ministry. Surely every home group host and teacher is _____ to the ministry.

4.) Paul's final words, written with his own hand, do much to reveal his heart of love, even though he had to rebuke these Corinthians strongly. It was Paul's love, for both Jesus and His church that made him such a great apostle. Love, expressed through humble service, makes us _____ in the Kingdom of God. – Guzik

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Growth Group Discussion Questions

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

1.) Today's text gives us a close up look at the Apostle Paul's ministry relationships. What are your greatest challenges in having friends or ministry relationships?

2.) If you could be friends with any of the people mentioned in today's study who would it be and why?

3.) What might it look like when someone "devotes themselves to ministry"? (V:15b)

4.) Identify and define the 2 key Greek words in V:32. Why would Paul wish anyone accursed?

5.) What is the most important lesson you personally received from this text?

6.) Is there anything in today's text that troubles or confuses you? Discuss.