

Every church and every person needs to have foundational beliefs that guide and direct life, decisions, direction, and processes. During ‘Foundations’ The Church at Martinsburg will examine the book of Romans and establish core doctrinal beliefs for life, relationships, and mission. This series more than any we’ve done before will set the pace and direction for the church.

The Apostle Paul teaches us about the significance of partnering together in ministry. There are 33 names in this chapter- 24 people in Rome, and 9 people in Corinth. Names were important to Paul because they represented individuals. Paul knew most of them personally through ministry partnerships, he was widely traveled. Others he probably knew by their reputation in the Lord. We won’t have time to consider each one of them but we will focus on several.

### **Growth Questions for 10/23/11 – 10/30/11**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, troubling?
2. How were the Romans supposed to receive Phoebe? How were they to help her? Why?
3. What can you learn from Prisca and Aquila’s example? Consider Acts 18 as well. If you are married, how do they challenge you as a couple?
4. In verse 6-16, each verse begins with the word “greet.” Do you think it is significant that Paul greets these people by name? Why? What does this tell you about Paul and his ministry?
5. What qualities does Paul commend in these passages?

### ***Living on Mission***

#### ***Proclaim...Reach...Connect...Go***

1. How do you receive and greet other Christians? Think about your Sunday morning experience at the Church at Martinsburg. How does your reception of your brothers and sisters in Christ mirror Paul’s love for those he served with?
2. If a letter were sent to the Church at Martinsburg and you were greeted – what might you be commended for? Has Paul touched upon any qualities in these verses that you lack? In what areas would you like God to change or empower you?
3. Do you delight to be a part of the body of Christ? Are you serving with joy alongside of others? Do you think it’s possible to serve Christ wholeheartedly apart from other Christians?
4. How do you think these examples influenced the unbelieving world around them? How could your hard work in the Lord be utilized to open the eyes of others to the gospel?

### **Important Dates**

- 10/28-29/11 Men’s Gathering – more info at [www.martinsburgchurch.org](http://www.martinsburgchurch.org)
- 11/12/11 Ladies Social
- 11/13/11 G4 Kids Operation Christmas Child Focus
- 11/13/11 Next Steps w/C@M
- 11/19/11 Operation Thanks!

### **COMMUNITY GROUPS DEFINED**

A Community Group is a home fellowship made up of 10-15 people who meet every week to share, study and support one another. A leader leads each group. An average meeting lasts for an hour and a half, followed by light refreshments. They’re the place where the real ministry of the church should take place as we study God’s Word, while supporting and sharing our lives with one another. Community Groups meet on Sunday,

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights in homes throughout Martinsburg. Visit [groups.martinsburgchurch.org](http://groups.martinsburgchurch.org) for more information.