



## Romans Part 14—Under Your Feet

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#### USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

***Let's be excellent in the ways of God and innocent in the schemes of the enemy. You can dispel darkness by turning on the light wherever you go.***

#### **[Romans 16:17–19, ESV]**

<sup>17</sup> I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. <sup>18</sup> For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. <sup>19</sup> For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil.

#### **[Romans 16:20]**

<sup>20</sup> The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

***There is no peace like the peace that Jesus brings.***

“Peace can, ironically, prevail internally even when the violence of war is at its peak externally. In other words, “peace” is a state of being that lacks nothing and has no fear of being troubled in its tranquility; it is euphoria coupled with security. This peace is God’s favor bestowed on his people. Not all people receive this peace—only those who have been reconciled to God.” – Mounce

***There is a very real spiritual world that is taking place right now in this moment. We need to be conscious of the spirit, even though we live in the physical world.***

**[John 10:10, ESV]**

<sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

**[John 16:33, NIV]**

<sup>33</sup>“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

**[1 John 3:8, ESV]**

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

**[Romans 16:20]**

<sup>20</sup> **The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.**

“Crush” (Grk): syntribo = **overcome completely**, destroy  
**... to break the power of** any one, **deprive of strength, debilitate**

**[Luke 10:19, NIV]**

<sup>19</sup>I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

**God wants to destroy the works of the enemy, Satan, under the feet of the CHURCH, and it happens as we each come together and find our place in the BODY of Christ.**

***Every believer has two roles in God's Kingdom: to build and to fight.***

**[Romans 16:1–27, ESV]**

**16** I commend to you our sister **Phoebe**, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, <sup>2</sup> that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

<sup>3</sup> Greet **Prisca and Aquila**, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, <sup>4</sup> who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well.

<sup>5</sup> Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved **Epaenetus**, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia.

<sup>6</sup> Greet **Mary**, who has worked hard for you.

<sup>7</sup> Greet **Andronicus** and **Junia**, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me.

<sup>8</sup> Greet **Ampliatius**, my beloved in the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> Greet **Urbanus**, our fellow worker in Christ,

...and my beloved **Stachys**.

<sup>10</sup> Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ.

<sup>11</sup> Greet my kinsman Herodion.

Greet those in the Lord **who belong to the family of Narcissus**.

<sup>12</sup> Greet those workers in the Lord, **Tryphaena and Tryphosa**.

Greet the beloved **Persis**, who has worked hard in the Lord.

<sup>13</sup> Greet **Rufus**, chosen in the Lord; **also his mother**, who has been a mother to me as well.

<sup>14</sup> Greet **Asyncritus** (“incomparable”), **Phlegon** (“burning”, “zealous”), **Hermes** (“teacher for gain”), **Patrobas** (“one who pursues the steps of his father”), **Hermas** (“interpreter”), and the brothers who are with them.

<sup>15</sup> Greet **Philologus** (“talkative”), **Julia** (“having curly hair”), **Nereus** (“liquid”) and **his sister**, and **Olympas** (“bright”, “heavenly”), and **all the saints** who are with them.

### **[Nehemiah 4:14–15, ESV]**

<sup>14</sup> And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.”

<sup>15</sup> When our enemies heard that it was known to us and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work.

### **How to “Get on the Wall”/Get Connected**

1) Go to Discover

**Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month**

2) Get in a Small Group

**[TFH.ORG](http://TFH.ORG), TFH App, or the Connect area**

3) Come to Pursuit

**Check the app or web for your campus’ time**

***Don’t be deceived by church attendance only. You can be in church side-by-side with people and not be arm-in-arm.***

## **[Romans 16:25–27, TPT]**

<sup>25</sup> I give all my praises and glory to the one who has more than enough power to make you strong and keep you steadfast through the promises found in the wonderful news that I preach; that is, the proclamation of Jesus, the Anointed One. This wonderful news includes the unveiling of the mystery kept secret from the dawn of creation until now. <sup>26</sup> This mystery is understood through the prophecies of the Scripture and by the decree of the eternal God. And it is now heard openly by all the nations, igniting within them a deep commitment of faith. <sup>27</sup> Now to God, the only source of wisdom, be glorious praises for endless ages through Jesus, the Anointed One! Amen!

### **FOR MONDAY—**

1. Ask God for the peace that surpasses all understanding and a mindset of victory.
2. Go to Discover. Get in a Small Group. Come to Pursuit.

### **TALK IT THROUGH**

1. What are some areas in the world right now that could really use the peace of God?
2. What is the difference between the God of peace and the peace that the world promotes? How can you personally make it easy for people to encounter God's peace?
3. How do you navigate through what is evil and still focus on being the light of Jesus? [Romans 16:17-19] How can we prioritize corporately exalting and magnifying the Lord?
4. What are the missions of the two opposing sides as described in John 10:10?
5. If Jesus has come to destroy the works of the devil, how does He do it? [Romans 16:20]
6. Why is it so important to value the generations in the church?
7. When we went through the list of names in Romans 16:1-15, what greeting or relationship stood out to you? How does that speak to the nature of the Church that God is building? Why is it so important for us to come together and find our place?
8. How does the image from Nehemiah 4:14-15 encourage you?