

EXEMPLARY HOUSE CHURCH

(World mission through house church ministry)

Romans 16:3-16
Key Verse 16:5a

* Co-working spirit of the house church

1. Whom did Paul greet first? (3) What did he mean by calling them “fellow workers in Christ Jesus”? (3; Ac 18:1-3,18-19) How did they build a “house church”? (Ac 18:2,18,19,26; 1Co 16:19; 2Ti 4:19) What were the basis of their co-working and the character of their relationship? (Jn 15:1-5; Eph 5:28,33)

* Giving spirit of the house church

2. What did Paul remember about them? (4a) How did they reflect the spirit of Jesus? (Jn 15:13) Why is the spirit of self-sacrifice essential in the Gospel ministry? What can we learn from them? Which influence did they have upon other Gentile churches?

* The most effective and original mission model

3. Where did the first Christians in Rome meet? (5a) What is the origin and meaning of the word “church”? (Mt 16:18; Mt 18:19-20) Think about the significance and importance of the house church ministry in church history! (Ac 18:24-26) How is the house church model effective and influential for advancing the gospel ministry and world mission in the present time? (Col 3:15-17; Ro 15:1-7)

* Marriage by Faith

4. Find examples of house churches around us who are serving the world mission influentially! How can they obey Jesus’ world mission command sacrificially with determination and perseverance? Do you also want to establish such a house church full of vision that serves world mission by faith? Which spiritual heritage of faith do you want to pass on to your descendants through your house church?