

## He Knows Your Name Romans 16:1-16, 21-27

### Living in the body of Christ encourages us to particularize one another

#### **par-tic-u-lar-ize** (per-tik-yuh-luh-rahyz)

1. to make particular.
2. to mention or indicate specifically; specify.
3. to state or treat in detail.
4. to speak or treat particularly or specifically.

#### **We particularize when we build others up** Romans 16:1-2

*"I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea; that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints..." (Romans 16:1-2)*

#### **We particularize when we acknowledge other people** Romans 16:3-15, 21-24

*"Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles..." (Romans 16:3-4)*

#### **We particularize when we show affection** Romans 16:16

*"Greet one another with a holy kiss." (Romans 16:16)*

**A "holy kiss" was mark of belonging in the early church** (1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:20)

*"Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss." (1 Thessalonians 5:26)*

#### **We particularize when we extend a blessing** Romans 16:25-27

*"Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ..." (Romans 16:25)*

#### **We particularize because we have been particularized** Romans 16:16

*He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house." (Luke 19:6)*

#### **God Who sees**

*"She gave a name to the Lord who spoke to her. She called him 'You are the God who sees me.' That's because she said, 'I have now seen the One who sees me.'" (Genesis 16:13)*

#### **Jesus Who sees**

*"And Jesus said, 'Who is the one who touched Me?' And while they were all denying it, Peter said, 'Master, the people are crowding and pressing in on You.' But Jesus said, 'Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had gone out of Me.'" (Luke 8:45-46)*

## Digging Deeper

This would definitely fall into the category of “digging deeper.” Here’s the list Paul came up with in Rome alone. Paul frequently in his epistles has a list of greetings of people. He asks the Romans to greet twenty-six individuals, two families and three house churches. This one in Romans is the longest, which is especially interesting because at this point, Paul has not yet been to Rome. If you wanted to read the limited back-story of some of Paul’s circle in Rome, spend some time reading what available passages we have available. Some of the connections are a bit speculative and some seem to fit very well.

Phoebe	a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well (Paul was in Corinth in Acts 18:18)
Prisca and Aquila	my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who for my life risked their own necks (1 Cor.16:19; 2 Tim 4:19; Acts 18:2-3,18,26; Acts 19:23-41; 1 Cor 15:32; 2 Cor 1:8-11)
Epaenetus	my beloved, who is the first convert to Christ from Asia
Mary	who has worked hard for you
Andronicus and Junias	my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners, who are outstanding among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.
Ampliatius, Urbanus, Stachys, Apelles	my beloved in the Lord; our fellow worker in Christ; my beloved; the approved in Christ
Aristobulus	those who are of the <i>household</i> of Aristobulus (thought to be grandson of Herod)
Herodion	my kinsman
Narcissus	those of the <i>household</i> of Narcissus, who are in the Lord (potentially served emperor Claudius)
Tryphaena and Tryphosa	workers in the Lord
Persis	the beloved, who has worked hard in the Lord
Rufus	a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine (Mark 15:21)
Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas	and the brethren with them
Philologus, Julia, Nereus, his sister, Olympas	and all the saints who are with them

## LifeGroup Discussion:

Who is in your list of people in your life to particularize? If you were to create a list of the people in your life you stand shoulder to shoulder with, especially in doing ministry together, who are they and how can you particularize them today? Share with your group someone who you think you’ve done a good job of noticing. What does that look like?

Who were some of the people in Jesus’ list of people that He particularized? Below are a few examples of people Jesus spent time noticing. Read their stories and the surprise that Jesus would stop what He was doing to notice them.

- Bleeding woman healed – Luke 8:40-48
- Blind man healed – Mark 8:22-26
- Peter restored – John 21
- Zacchaeus restored – Luke 19
- Woman pours perfume – Mark 14:1-9

How have you been particularized by other people in your life?

How have you been particularized by God in your life?

## Next Steps:

**1. Make A List Of Your Own:** Making a list of the people in your life is the first step to actually particularizing someone. The next step is to actually particularize them. What that looks like can vary, but it often times looks like sending a card of appreciation, a small token gift of friendship or taking them to coffee and telling them how important they are to you.

**2. Beach Baptisms & Church Bonfire:** Come be baptized and share your story of how the good news of Jesus has changed your life at the Beach Baptisms on 8.24.14 at 5:00 pm at Little Corona del Mar. If you would like to be baptized, come to the required one-hour class about baptism on August 17 or 24 at 8:45 am or 10:45 am in the Prayer Room. And, everyone is invited to come celebrate with those being baptized! After the baptisms, wrap up the summer at the Church Bonfire at 5:45 pm with hot dogs, s’mores, and fun! Learn more about the baptism class, Beach Baptisms, or the Church Bonfire at [calvarylife.org/baptism](http://calvarylife.org/baptism)