

WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

EUODIA AND SYNTYCHE

ROMANS 16 WOMEN

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Single and Married Women** was helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read **Philippians 4:1-3**

2. a) How did Paul address his audience in **V1**, and what does that say about his feelings for them?

- b) In your own words, what did he ask them to do? (**V1**)

3. a) Identify the two women mentioned in **V2**.

- b) Which verb is used to describe Paul's appeal to them, and what does that word convey?

4. a) What did Paul ask of these women? **1 Corinthians 1:10** may give you additional insight.

- b) Take creative license. What circumstances could have prompted this instruction from Paul?

5. a) Paul urged Euodia and Syntche to "be of the same mind." What attitudes and behaviors listed in **Romans 12:16** and **Philippians 2:2-4** could contribute to this goal?

- b) What spiritual truth do you glean from these verses?

6. a) In **V3a**, what did Paul ask his "true companion" in relation to these women?

- b) If you were asked to do something similar, what would you do?

7. How did Paul describe the women, and how does this information add to your view of them? (Look up the word, "contend.")

8. When have you seen disunity between co-laborers cause distraction or even division in the church? What role did you play in either inciting or helping those involved? (Please do not use specific names or denominations.)

SECTION II: Read Romans 16:1-20

Paul valued the service of many women and acknowledged them in his letter to the church in Rome.

9. a) Who did Paul recommend to the church in **V1-2**, and how does he describe and compliment her?

b) How did Paul ask the church to treat Phoebe in **V2**?

10. a) In **V3-5**, which couple did Paul recognize, and what details about them amaze you?

b) Most scholars believe Andronicus and Junia were also a couple. What did Paul say about them? (**V7**)

11. Which women were greeted in **V6** and **V12**, and what were they known for?

12. Which woman was acknowledged in **V13**, and what role did she have in Paul's life?

13. Which additional women were greeted in **V14-15**? (list only the obviously female names)

14. Challenge question: How do you reconcile Paul's words in **1 Corinthians 14:34-35** and **1 Timothy 2:11-12** with the way he valued women and their impact on many churches in **Romans 16**?

15. a) Name some women of faith and how they have impacted your life.

b) What will you do this week to acknowledge them and their hard work?

16. a) What is Paul's warning and advice in **V17**?

b) Contrast the situation in **V17-18** with how Paul asked the church to respond to Euodia and Syntyche in **Philippians 4:2-3**. Explain the difference.

17. In **V19**, what filled Paul with joy, and what was his desire for the church in Rome?

18. In this lesson, we saw some of the "good, bad, and ugly" in these women who served in the church.

a) What is the work God has called you to do for Him? What unique challenges have you had to address as you've worked alongside others?

b) Spend some time praying for the work of God, the servants of God, or the needs of the church.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Certain hard work is recorded and rewarded in God's economy and for all eternity. The following verses instruct you on how God views work. Share your thoughts on each verse.

John 6:27 _____

Acts 20:35 _____

1 Corinthians 3:7-9 _____

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 _____

1 Thessalonians 1:3 _____

Hebrews 6:10 _____

Revelation 14:13 _____

2. How is the servant of God equipped and enabled to do the work of God according to **1 Thessalonians 5:24** and **2 Timothy 3:16-17**?

3. Search your heart. Comment on what the mirror of God's Word has revealed to you about your attitude toward the work that God has given you to do.

4. Suggested Memory Verse: **Colossians 3:23**

