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Speaker: Chase Hildenbrand **Series:** This I Believe – The Book of Romans

Passage: Romans 16:1-16

Community Group Questions: "When Ordinary is Extraordinary"

Read Romans 16:1-16 aloud as a group and then work through the following questions:

1. When you think of biblical diversity, what do you think of? What aspects of biblical diversity make you nervous? What aspects of biblical diversity make you excited? Why is it a worthy cause to pursue biblical diversity?
2. CS Lewis said, "Friendships are created when you look at someone and say 'what, you too?'" Describe a time when you have experienced this. Why is the deepest/most profound "you too" in Christ?
3. What are some ways we can cultivate affection across differences that we share with our brothers and sisters in Christ? Charles Spurgeon said, "I hate High Church-ism as my soul hates Satan; but I love George Herbert, although George Herbert is a desperately High Churchman." What might we say in place of "High Church-ism" in the year 2020? What Scripture comes to mind when you think about loving brothers and sisters in Christ?
4. Have you been loving people in our body well through this pandemic? As people have been "out of sight," have they also been "out of mind"? Paul loved people incredibly well from afar - how did he do this? What might you do to love people from afar better in this time?
5. Will you let God take your ordinary life and make it extraordinary? Will you engage and connect in missional relationships that infuses the culture with the Gospel? What does that look like? What will that look like in the face of continued "isolation"?