



## Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: "The Duties of a Deacon, Part 3", Sermon Passage: Romans 16:1-2

1. Read Romans 16 and summarize the passage for the group. Tell everyone how it fits into the surrounding verses and the rest of the Book of Romans as a whole.

2. Explain the significance of the term *diakonos* in Scripture. What does a deacon do and why are they so important? What does it say about God that He would create an office like this one in the church?

3. Tell the group about Phoebe's role in the church at Cenchrea and what it entailed (verse 1). What is a deaconess, and what are some other passages/examples of this office in Scripture?

4. Why does Paul tell the church in Rome to "receive her in a manner worthy of the saints" (verse 3)? What did Phoebe do that was so special and how does that relate to the office of deaconess? Can you think of some other women who served the Lord in a special way in the New Testament?

5. Explain the meaning of the phrase: "Love stoops in order to rise." How did Phoebe stoop for the church, and how are people stooping in our church today in order to rise? What are some forgotten tasks that are being performed among us and how we can honour them?