The <u>true</u> ministry partners mentioned by Paul in verses 1-16 were sacrificial, hard-working, servants who lived for the Lord and His Kingdom.

The <u>false</u> ministry partners mentioned by Paul in verses 17-20 were divisive, created obstacles to sound doctrine, self-serving, and deceitful.

The <u>doxology</u> that ends the book of Romans makes clear that the ultimate outcome of the gospel is the glory of God.

Questions for Discussion & Application

- 1. What questions do you have about today's passage?
- 2. What is surprising to you about the list of people who are true ministry partners in verses 1-16?
- 3. How does the Gospel (proclaimed by Paul in Romans) motivate us to be sacrificial, hard-working, servants who live for the Lord and His Kingdom?
- 4. How are we to respond to false partners according to verses 17-20? In what situations have you needed such discernment?
- 5. Romans 16:27 makes clear that the ultimate purpose and outcome of the gospel is the glory of God. How does knowing this impact the way we share and proclaim the gospel?