

T H E B O O K O F

PHILEMON

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. Feel free to use them for your personal study time, your family, or your Family Group.

MESSAGE OVERVIEW

Paul's letter to Philemon is unique. It's the only letter he wrote to an individual included in the Bible. He addresses a specific situation between Philemon and Onesimus. Paul's words make it clear that our status as followers of Jesus should change the way we see people.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What can we learn from Paul's example about mediation and conflict resolution?

Paul had the authority and the right to give Philemon a mandate, but instead appeals to him in love. How do we discern what we can do from what we should do?

If you were in Onesimus' position, having to reconcile with someone who has social/legal leverage over him, how would you expect to be treated by Philemon? How would you want to be treated?

Can you think of any examples where person or group chose to confront an issue peacefully even though they may have had the right to do so forcefully?

APPLICATION

What is God saying to you through this passage of scripture?

In light of what you've heard, how are you going to be different in the future?