

Philemon

Scripture:

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Also: Proverbs 10:12, 11:17; Galatians 6:1-2; 1 Peter 4:8

Discussion Questions

What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the book of Philemon?

1. In this week's sermon, we saw 3 pleas from an aging pastor
 - A plea for love
 - A plea for acceptance
 - A plea for obedience
 - **How does this book relate to where we find ourselves in today's world?**
 - **Do you see any parallels to the Onesimus/Philemon relationship today? What about parallels to the Paul/Onesimus relationship?**
2. This book brings to light how the Gospel reconciles people and transforms relationships.
 - **Where do you need that Gospel work in your life?**
 - **What steps do you need to take this week toward greater love, acceptance, or obedience?**
 - **Can you be specific? For instance, with whom has your love fallen short, and what will you do to increase it?**
 - **Or, in what area of your life have you fallen short of obedience, and what will you do to begin obeying in that area?**
 - When we consider the gaps in our love, acceptance and obedience, **where does this book bring grace into focus?**
3. Bonus material: This sermon (& the book of Philemon) brought up the idea of authority in the Church.
 - **What has your experience been with authority in the Church?**
 - **Did that experience match with what Scripture teaches about it?**
 - **Is there anything (in action and/or attitude) that you need to bring into alignment with Scripture as it relates to authority in general?**

In our broken culture, may we be beacons of love, acceptance, and obedience to our Lord!