

# PHILEMON: THE GOSPEL IN RELATIONSHIPS

**Background:** In his letter to Philemon, Paul demonstrates how the gospel impacts our relationships by encouraging Philemon to welcome Onesimus back to him no longer as a slave, but as a brother. We see Paul act like Jesus as he offers to pay Onesimus's debt in order to reconcile him back to Philemon.

**Christ's impact on our lives changes our relationships.**

## In this letter Paul...

➤ Prays for Philemon (4-7)

➤ Pleas for Onesimus (8-14)

➤ Points to God's Purposes (15-16)

Justice = \_\_\_\_\_

Mercy = \_\_\_\_\_

Grace = \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Appeals to the Gospel (17-20)

## Application:

1. Forgive when others sin against you, remembering you have been forgiven.
2. Let the gospel direct your relationships with others.