

Text: Philemon
Topics: Faith, Forgiveness, Gospel, Love
Series: Little Letters, Big Messages

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When Change is Needed

I. The Pre-Appeal (1-7)

Christian faith and love encourage others in the Christian life.

II. The Appeal (8-25)

Understood and believed, the gospel changes relationships!

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. Read Philemon 1:1-7. Imagine receiving this letter. What would verses 1-3 say to you?

What would verses 4-7 say to you?

How could you follow Paul's example when greeting fellow believers?

2. What does Paul reveal about Onesimus as he begins his appeal to Philemon in verses 8-11?

3. In Philemon 1:12-17 we see Paul's appeal. What is it? Why would this be a difficult appeal for Philemon to hear?

Have you been wronged by someone who was, or now is, a Christian? What does the book of Philemon teach you about how you should respond toward that person and why?

4. Read Philemon 1:18-25. How does Paul show the importance of his appeal to Philemon? How does he add a little extra motivation for Philemon to grant his request?

Can you give an example of how you helped someone, or someone helped you, do the right thing as a Christian, even though the right thing was very hard?

What reason(s) do you have for doing what's right in God's eyes?