

TEXT: Philemon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Redeemer 101 and Baptism Class** – Sunday, February 10 a 4pm at FCS. Register on-line.
 - **Financial Meeting** - Sunday, February 10 at 6pm at FCS. Childcare will be provided and we will have a meal together.
 - **Amazon Wish List** – As our building is being completed, we have an Amazon Wish List with some items to help outfit the Redeemer Kid’s rooms and a few other areas. Please visit www.redeemerchurch.com/nextsteps for more info. We are also accepting certain gently used items. Contact the church office for more info.
-

LEADING OFF...

1. Why are relationships sometimes so hard?
2. Tonight, we’re looking at reconciliation. Why is reconciliation so hard?

BIG IDEA: Christians reconcile because of the gospel.

Read Philemon 1-2

3. What do we know about Philemon, who Paul is writing to?

Read Philemon 4-7

4. What more do we learn here about Philemon?
5. In verse 7, what heartfelt things do we learn about Paul toward Philemon?

Read Philemon 16

6. How can we best understand the word “bondservant”, or “bondslave”?

Read Philemon 8-10

7. What do we know about Onesimus?
8. We know that Onesimus runs far away to Rome. Seemingly he is lost and without hope. Have you ever been tempted to feel that way about someone who is running from God and from those who best love them?
9. Paul tells Philemon and us that Onesimus comes to faith under Paul in prison. What does this teach us about salvation?

Read Philemon 11-16

10. How is Paul encouraging the ministry of reconciliation?
11. This forces us to ask the question, “*Am I willing to reconcile with anyone who I have something against?*”. What does this speak to you?
12. What’s the difference between “reconciliation” and just, “forgive and forget”?
13. How does reconciliation reveal what we truly believe about the gospel?
14. How does our personal conflict with others affect the whole body of Christ?

Read Philemon 17-20

15. What is Paul reminding Philemon of?
16. What is Paul willing to do, in order to see reconciliation take place?
17. What is Paul teaching us even today?

Read Colossians 4:7-9

18. What is Paul appealing to the church and Philemon to do?

WRAPPING UP...

Read Matthew 18:15-17

19. What does Jesus teach us about pursuing reconciliation?

Contemplate personally if there is anyone you need to pursue reconciliation with.