

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Can you think of an example of a public figure who has failed at something? How did society respond?
2. Read Galatians 6:1. What does this passage tell believers to do?
3. Read Philemon 1:4-7. What do you think the atmosphere was like at Philemon's church?
4. Is the church in America a welcoming and safe place for sinners? How do churches usually respond when someone fails?
5. Read Philemon 1:8-14. On what basis does Paul appeal to Philemon? Why is Paul so passionate that Philemon's base motivation is love instead of compulsion?
6. Read verses 15-16. Paul wants Onesimus to be accepted back as a 'dear brother'. Why was this such a radical advice at the time?
7. Read Philemon 1:17-19. Paul offers to repay any debt Onesimus has. How does Paul's heart for Onesimus mirror God's heart for us?
8. Read verse 21. How do you think Philemon actually responded when Onesimus came home?
9. Are there consequences for holding unforgiveness towards someone? What are the consequences to a family? What are the consequences to a church?
10. How does understanding our own forgiveness in Jesus help us forgive and restore others?



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Big Idea: Allow the Gospel to live in you FULLY so that God is able to use you to RESTORE others.

