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*Masters +
Slaves*

**We relate
faithfully when we
remember who our
Boss is.**

■ SERIES SUMMARY

- The apostles returned again and again to the idea that our faith in Jesus should shape every relationship in our lives—family, church, work, and community.
- In this series, we'll explore relational wisdom that is repeated again and again in our New Testaments. In groups, we'll pair these lessons with overviews of various books of the Bible.
- May our everyday interactions become opportunities to reflect God's love to the people all around us. May we allow the gospel to transform how we treat others!

■ ICEBREAKER

- What was your shortest held job, and why didn't it last?

■ SCRIPTURE

- **Philemon**
- Reading included in this week's teaching video.



LEARNING FROM HIS STORY

1. What are some work relationship challenges that would likely be an issue in Philemon's ancient setting as well as in ours today?
2. Reading between the lines, what can you imagine about the relationship dynamics between Philemon and Onesimus?
3. Based on this letter, what are some ways that Onesimus' newfound faith should affect their work relationship?

EXAMINING OUR OWN STORY

4. How do you see your faith intersecting with your work?
5. In your workplace(s)—past or present—have you worked more with other Jesus followers or with non-believers?
6. In your mind, how has that impacted the way you interact in those spaces?

WRITING A NEW STORY

7. What kinds of things come to mind when you think about doing your job “as to the Lord and not to man” (Ephesians 6:7)?
8. Who do you know that's a great boss to serve under, and what can we learn from them?
9. Who do you know that's a great employee to lead, and what can we learn from them?

TAKING TIME TO PRAY

Jesus, You are our true Master, our true Boss. Help us serve faithfully wherever you place us. Amen.

