



HEBRON

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### SERMON-BASED CURRICULUM

#### LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

As we partnered with God this past week to \_\_\_\_\_, what did He do? How did He work in and through us?

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR PHILEMON

1. In what way did God speak to you today through His Spirit and His Word? In what ways were you convicted or challenged? What questions came to your mind as we walked through the text?
2. Who is someone you always thank God for when you remember them? Why are you thankful for them?
3. Why do we thank God for good that we see in others?
4. Who is someone who comes to mind either presently or in the past who you know has a love for “all the saints”? Would you describe yourself in this way? Why or why not?
5. Paul prayed for Philemon’s faith to continue to mature reaching “the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.” For whom are you passionately praying for their growth in Christ?
6. In what ways, if any, do you think the hearts of other saints are being “refreshed through you?”
7. Paul mentions that he is in prison multiple times in this letter. In what ways are you challenged by Paul’s faithfulness to continue to advance the gospel even while in prison (see verse 10)?
8. In Acts, when Paul and Silas were imprisoned they sang praises to the Lord. What do you think moved Paul to be willing to suffer anything for Christ and be joyful about it all the way? Would you describe your service to the Lord as joyful sacrifice? Why or why not?
9. Onesimus means “useful” but prior to his salvation, he was described as useless. In what way have you seen the gospel transform you or others to be useful for God’s kingdom?
10. With Onesimus becoming “useful” through salvation, what should this tell us about finding our true identity in Christ?
11. What can we learn from Paul’s example in this letter about helping others be reconciled to one another in Christ? What stands out to you about the phrases he was led to write or the actions he was willing to take to help Onesimus and Philemon be reconciled?
12. Why was it important for Onesimus and Philemon to be reconciled? Why is right relationship with other believers important in our congregation as well?
13. What experiences have you had with trying to help other brothers and sisters in Christ to be reconciled? How did those experiences turn out?
14. In verse 24, Demas is mentioned as a fellow worker of Paul, but in 2 Timothy 4:10 (which was written after Philemon), Paul says that Demas was in love with the present world and deserted Paul. What, if anything, can keep us from making the same foolish decision as Demas?

#### APPLICATION

This week, by God’s grace and in His power, we will \_\_\_\_\_.