



“For Love’s Sake”

Philemon 1:1-3

July 10, 2022

Questions for Application and Fellowship

SERMON REVIEW

Onesimus (which means ‘useful’) was a slave of a believer named Philemon in Colosse. Apparently, Onesimus had stolen from Philemon and fled the city. At some point while Paul was under house arrest in Rome, Onesimus met him and became a Christian. Paul wrote this letter and gave it to Onesimus to carry back to Philemon. Paul appeals to Philemon to welcome Onesimus for love’s sake. This letter puts a spotlight on the power of Christ to transform relationships with His love.

Was any point in this weekend’s message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What portions of Scripture come to mind when you think of the Bible's teaching about love? How do the truths of these passages challenge and encourage you?
2. After hearing this message, how did Philemon and Onesimus face a complicated relationship? How would the Gospel of grace empower them?
3. What relational complexities are you facing? Did anything in this Sunday's message or in the reading of the Philemon help bring needed perspective?
4. Read Colossians 3:12-17. Imagine Philemon and Onesimus hearing this read in the church gathering. What principles would apply to their relationship? How do these teachings help you in the complexities identified in question 3?