

**Course: Pauline Epistles**  
**Series: Paul's Prison Epistles**  
**Discussion Forum Four: Paul and Philemon**  
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- 1. Does Paul's letter to Philemon have any doctrinal authority over modern Christians? (0:10)**
- 2. Would Paul's letter to Philemon have been read to the entire church? (1:40)**
- 3. How often did Paul describe the gospel's implications for a specific person? (3:45)**
- 4. Do all forms of slavery compromise human dignity? (6:30)**
- 5. How should the church respond to modern forms of slavery? (12:40)**
- 6. Is understanding Roman slavery important to understanding Paul's letter to Philemon? (15:15)**
- 7. Why did Paul try to persuade rather than command Philemon to free Onesimus? (20:30)**
- 8. Should we adopt the same strategies of persuasion that Paul used with Philemon? (25:40)**
- 9. What gave Paul the confidence to use such a risky strategy with Philemon? (30:40)**
- 10. Did Onesimus have the responsibility to make reparations to Philemon? (36:15)**
- 11. Do we always have to show mercy when we are wronged? (38:00)**
- 12. How does Paul bring the gospel to bear on Onesimus? (45:00)**
- 13. Do Paul's teachings on slaves and masters apply to other types of relationships? (48:00)**
- 14. Do the principles explained in Philemon apply to our relationships with unbelievers? (53:45)**
- 15. How does Paul's message apply to Christians who are mistreated by unbelievers? (56:05)**
- 16. What does the book of Philemon have to say about guilt and shame? (58:25)**
- 17. How does our identity in Christ motivate us to reconcile? (1:04:00)**

**18. Should we limit our pursuit of reconciliation with unbelievers? (1:09:15)**

**19. Should we limit our pursuit of reconciliation with believers? (1:12:25)**

**20. How can we rightly interpret God's providence? (1:18:00)**