

Series: Forget Me Nots

Sermon: Philemon

Speaker: Jerry Gillis

Daily Readings

Monday: Philemon 1: 1-11

Tuesday: Philemon 1: 12-25

Wednesday: Colossians 3:9-17

Thursday: Matthew 18:21-35

Friday: Isaiah 53:7-12

Saturday: Ephesians 4:20-32

Community Group Discussion Questions

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the book of Philemon and the key points of the message.
2. How did this message change, affirm, or correct your idea about the gospel and about reconciliation? Did you learn anything new about God this week?
3. Imagine yourself as one of the characters in this letter. Which character do you most identify with? Would you have preferred to be Philemon, Onesimus, or Paul? Why?
4. What examples of Christlikeness do you see throughout the letter to Philemon?
5. Who are the disadvantaged people in society today that may be overlooked, marginalized, or mistreated? How can you treat these individuals with respect and Christlikeness?
6. Where in your life does reconciliation need to happen? What barriers are preventing you from seeking reconciliation?
7. What action step do you need to take in consideration of this week's message?

Action Step

Commit to extended time in prayer this week. Let the following prompts guide your prayers:

- Praise God for the good news of the gospel and His Spirit's work in your life.
- Thank God for your brothers and sisters in Christ.
- Pray for unity in the body of Christ.
- Pray for reconciliation and forgiveness with those in your life you need to take these steps.
- Pray for a Christ-like spirit in your interactions with others.
- Pray for the gospel to be spread and for lives to be changed like that of Onesimus'.
- Thank God for the ministry of Eight Days of Hope and pray for lives to be changed this week.

Mobilization Challenge

Eight Days of Hope Buffalo is this week! July 15 – July 22. Spend time praying over those serving. Pray for those serving to have opportunities to pray with others and to have gospel-centered conversations. Also spend time praying for those being served. Pray for their hearts to be opened to prayer and conversations about God, and for lives to be made new and transformed this week!