

# Philemon

## Read through the letter (one chapter)

1. Paul refers to himself as a prisoner of Christ, and to his imprisonment, or chains. What does this tell you about the time of his writing? (See Acts 28:30)
2. Because of the names Paul mentions, where does it seem likely that Philemon lives?
3. What do you think was the overall objective in sending this letter to Philemon?
4. What do we learn about Onesimus?
5. What was Paul asking Philemon to do? What do you notice about his appeal?
6. If you were in Onesimus' shoes, how might you have felt?
7. What might have been Philemon's initial response to this letter and seeing Onesimus again?
8. Many of the names mentioned at the end are found in Colossians 4:9-17. What do we learn from that?