

## From Useless to Useful Discussion Questions

Philemon 8-11

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1. working on Have you ever felt that you were useless? What made you feel that way?
2. Have you ever laid down the law with someone? How did that work? What was the result?
3. Why is Paul appealing to Philemon out of love instead of laying down the law? Is this approach more effective? Why or why not?
4. Why does Paul bring his age into the conversation?
5. What have you learned from someone else who has walked longer with Christ? What advice did they give you? Have you learned anything from just watching how they live their life?
6. How would you feel if Paul had suffered the things he did to bring the gospel to you? What would you be willing to do for Paul?
7. How does it make you feel that Jesus suffered for you? What are you willing to do for Him?
8. What are you willing to suffer through to take the gospel to someone else?
9. Is there someone who is wronged you who Paul could write a similar letter to you begging you to reconcile with that person? Take time to read Philemon with this in mind. Are you willing to try to reconcile with that person? What step can you take?
10. If you have felt useless, how has God made you useful again?
11. How are you serving God?
12. What mistake have you made that God has turned into a ministry? How have you seen God use other people's mistakes in ministry?
13. How has God changed you over time? What is God changing in you now?