

Philemon – Gearing Up By Practicing Forgiveness

Gearing Up for Greater Effectiveness...

1. Progress in strengthening the fundamentals

The mission of Faith Baptist Church is to glorify God by winning people to Jesus Christ and equipping them to be more faithful disciples.

2. Well attended leadership training

3. Hearts that want to take the ministry God has entrusted to them and make it better

4. Advancements in our approach to worldwide missions

5. Improved Ministry Platform

6. Growing number of opportunities to serve our community

7. Significant progress toward the launch of our three major ministry initiatives

Small Books with Big Messages...

Today's theme – One of the ways the church gears up for greater effectiveness is by modeling the power of forgiveness.

Three required steps for the church to model the power of forgiveness:

I. Model the Power of Forgiveness by Pointing Those Who have Sinned to a _____ Way Out.

A. Be _____ about the ultimate need.

verse 10 – *whom I have begotten in my imprisonment*

Romans 1:16 - *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*

B. _____ steps of repentance.

verse 12 – *I have sent him back to you in person...*

II. Model the Power of Forgiveness by Challenging Those who Have Been Sinned Against to _____ the Art of Forgiveness.

A. Now _____ him as a brother – verse 16

B. _____ him as you would accept me (Paul) – verse 17

Exodus 34:6-7 - ...*The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin...*

Ephesians 4:32 - *And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*

C. Be an _____ and example to those around you.

Philemon 20 - *Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord.*

III. Model the Power of Forgiveness by _____ the Deck so We Can face the Future with Enthusiasm and Hope.

Philemon 22 - *But, meanwhile, also prepare a guest room for me, for I trust that through your prayers I shall be granted to you.*