



Journey Church  
Onesimus | Philemon 1:1-25  
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What do you do when the gospel asks you to see someone differently?

### **God's Story**

*Philemon 1:1-25*

### **How the Gospel Changes the Way We See and Live**

1. The Gospel changes how we see ourselves

- Grace doesn't erase our past; it redeems our identity

2. The Gospel changes how we see others

*Galatians 3:28*

- The gospel teaches us to see people through a different lens

3. The Gospel teaches us what to do with the debt

*2 Corinthians 5:19; 1 Timothy 2:5*

- The gospel doesn't ignore the debt; it chooses who will carry it

4. The Gospel changes how we live together

- See differently
- Receive differently
- Respond differently

**Small Group Questions:**

1. What stood out to you most from the story of Onesimus and Philemon, and why?
2. How does the gospel change the way we see ourselves and others?
3. What does it look like to let Jesus change the way we handle hurt, offense, or “debt” in our relationships?

**Be Intentional:**

Identify one person you have been seeing through the lens of their past, mistakes, or offense. This week, intentionally choose one way to see them, receive them, or respond to them differently because of the gospel.

**Pray:**

Spend time praying together. What are some ways in which you can pray for each other? Take some time in the coming week to explore ways in which you can encourage one another. Remember to share with your group what you are learning about those opportunities and reflect on God’s Word as you pray for each other.