

## **SENIOR BIBLE FELLOWSHIP ASSIGNMENT: FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

Thank you all for the great discussion we had last week on Philemon. Although it's Paul's shortest letter, I think we all agree that it is packed with God's wisdom. We discussed questions #1, #2, and #3, so for the session on Feb 24th we'll cover questions #4, #5, and #6. The last three questions require you to include your personal faith walk, so please come prepared to share how God helped you through these areas. These testimonies are where life and faith come together.

### **SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 10TH DISCUSSION ON QUESTION 1, 2, & 3:**

1. From verses 1 – 3, what do we learn about Philemon?

V1: he is a beloved fellow worker with Paul and Timothy.

V2: there is a church in his house

V3: Paul is praying for him.

2. In verses 4 – 7, what additional things do we learn about Philemon?

V4: Paul thanks God for Philemon as he prays for him.

V5: Philemon is a man of love and faith toward Jesus and all the saints.

2a. In verse 6, Paul says, "...I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ." Recognize that Philemon has probably been a Christian for less than 10 years.

Why do you think Paul is telling him this early in the letter?

V5: Paul praises God for the Active love and faith Philemon has for Jesus and ALL the saints. Then Paul prays that Philemon's active faith will become Effective. Effective in using his Active faith to do every good thing for the sake of Christ...not himself.

V7: Paul adds for good measure that Philemon's Active faith has brought Paul joy and comfort and the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through Philemon. Paul is pouring it on!

3. What is the relationship between Philemon and Onesimus?

V16 Onesimus was Philemon's slave.

V11 Onesimus was useless to Philemon.

V15 Onesimus ran away from Philemon.

V18 Onesimus wronged Philemon. Probably he stole from Philemon and ran away.

## QUESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 24TH:

4. In verses 8 – 13, why do you think Paul does not command Philemon to do what is required, but instead appeals to him?

5. Please read verses 13 – 22.

5a. In these verses, what are some ways in which Paul appeals to Philemon to do the right thing?

5b. Please share if anyone has ever appealed to you to do the right thing or if you ever appealed to a person to do the right thing.

6. This short letter from Paul contains much wisdom which we should be using as disciples of Jesus Christ. Following are some which I jotted down. Please pick one and share why you chose this and how you've used it in your faith walk.

Optional: Feel free to come up with your own thought of what you mined from this letter.

- The good news about Jesus, breaks down barriers.
- The good news about Jesus, forms relationships.
- The good news about Jesus, unites all believers into the family of God.
- The good news about Jesus, challenges us to leave our old self and become a new person.
- The good news about Jesus, gives us boldness to speak to others about Jesus and his ways.