Faith Group Questions

Philemon (Part 1): Faith Partners

- 1. What were your main takeaways from the Sunday service and message?
- 2. Read Philemon verse 1. Paul referred to himself as a "Prisoner of Christ Jesus" even though technically he was a prisoner of Rome. Paul always saw his circumstances through the lens that God had him exactly where he wanted him to influence others for Jesus. Think about your station in life as single/married, working/volunteering, parenting/grandparenting, etc. How can you see that God has you exactly where you need to be to influence others for Jesus?
- 3. In what areas of your personal life are you currently experiencing divisions or discord (i.e., at home, with relatives, with fellow Christians, coworkers, classmates, etc.)?
- 4. Read Philemon 1-8. Paul was friends with Philemon but the topic of receiving back his runaway slave, Onesimus, as a Christian brother could have been extremely divisive. What did Paul focus on to maintain unity with Philemon? How can you implement this same approach in your relationships?



- 1. Why do you think Jonah didn't want God to show the people from Nineveh mercy?
- 2. When is it hard to forgive other people? Right now, is there someone you're finding it hard to forgive?
- 3. PRAY TOGETHER: Use Jonah's accusation of God as a prayer: *Dear God, you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love. Thank you for forgiving me. Help me forgive...*