

## Philemon: Right Relationships — *Identity*

### Discussion Questions

**Date:** March 15, 2020 | **Scripture:** Philemon 1-25

1. Read Philemon 1-25. What stands out to you?
2. Have you ever thought about what it is like to argue with you? How do you typically respond when you are in conflict with someone?
3. How does Paul choose to describe himself in his letter to Philemon (v. 1)? Why do you think he calls himself a prisoner for Christ rather than an apostle as in his other letters?
4. Before Paul wades into conflict with Philemon, he starts by reminding himself of his identity in Christ. Why is this so important? How does the gospel reshape our identity and sense of self?
5. This gospel identity—being lowly and loved by Christ—empowers us to be humbler, kinder, and more courageous than we could ever be without it. Of these three qualities, which one comes easier to you, and which is more difficult? How can you pursue growth in these areas?
6. With whom are you experiencing conflict in your life right now? How can you commit to pray for them and strive to enter into healthy conflict with them, rooted in your identity in Christ?

#### WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

In addition to using this this discussion guide, here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect* on these passages:

- Psalm 46
- Proverbs 15:1-2
- Matthew 7:1-5
- James 4:1-12
- 1 Corinthians 1:1-31

*Listen* to the Philemon worship playlist on Apple Music or Spotify

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