

Philemon: Right Relationships — Peace

Discussion Questions

Date: March 29, 2020 | Scripture: Philemon 1-25

- 1. Read Philemon 1-25. What stands out to you?
- 2. In verses 8-11, we see Paul wade into conflict by putting on humility. Where do we see this in the text? How have you seen humility diffuse the tension in conflicts you've faced?
- 3. When conflict erupts in our lives, it is easy for love to evaporate. Has there been a time when you've viewed people as problems to be solved rather than a person to be loved?
- 4. Paul grounds his appeal to Philemon in the logic of the gospel (see v. 15-19). How does what Jesus did on our behalf transform the way we now relate to others?
- 5. The letter to Philemon ends with Paul establishing some accountability. Is there someone you can reach out to or bring into the conflict you're facing to help you navigate it well?
- 6. In light of the Bible's teaching in Philemon, is there someone you are in conflict with right now that you need to love better? How can you take a step this week to grow and seek peace and reconciliation?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these passages:

- Psalm 8
- Matthew 18:21-35
- Isaiah 58
- Colossians 1:9-23
- James 1:1-18

Listen to the Philemon worship playlist on <u>Apple Music</u> or <u>Spotify</u>

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- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

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