

The Book of Philemon

A study using 18 questions per chapter
The purpose of this study is to find out
What the Bible says.



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INSTRUCTIONS

or suggestions as to how to conduct this study.

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation.

To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion.

Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY: (The following questions could be used in place of or in addition to the ones in the lessons for those who are more advanced in Bible knowledge.)

1. What does this chapter teach about Jesus?
2. What does this chapter teach about God?
3. What does this chapter teach about the Holy Spirit?
4. Does this chapter contain promises to be received, commands to be obeyed or warnings to be heeded?

THE BOOK OF PHILEMON
SHORT ANSWERS

1. To whom is this book written? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. Paul uses the term “our dear friend” indicating that he was not alone when writing this letter; who else was with him? (Be sure to read the entire book to find out) _____
_____. Verse _____
3. Why did Paul want them to be active in sharing their faith? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. Paul speculated why Onesimus might have been separated from Philemon, what was that speculation? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What did Paul ask Philemon to do? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F and the verse where you found your answer)

6. _____ Paul was a prisoner when he wrote this letter.
7. _____ Paul did not command obedience but appealed to them on the basis of love.
8. _____ Paul was sending a slave back to his master.
9. _____ Paul was willing to pay some of the debt that Onesimus owed but not all of it.
10. _____ There was no hope at all that Paul would be released soon.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N and the verse where you found your answer)

11. _____ Were there “house churches” in those days?
12. _____ Was Paul an old man when he wrote this letter?
13. _____ Did Paul want to do anything without their consent where Onesimus was concerned?
14. _____ Was Paul confident that Philemon would do as he asked?
15. _____ Were people praying for Paul’s release?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

16. What is the main theme of this chapter?
17. What is the key verse?
18. What did you learn from this chapter?

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