

LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ◇ Read Philemon aloud with your group. How does vs. 3 speak to the topic dealt within this letter?

- ◇ Why do we sometimes struggle to be honest with God about our sin? Why do we sometimes struggle to be honest with others about our sin?

- ◇ Share your thoughts about Paul being willing to bear the responsibility for Onesimus' sin? (18) Share a time when forgiving someone else cost you something.

- ◇ Why didn't Paul simply demand Philemon's response? (vs. 8-11)

- ◇ Discuss these verses - 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors' (Mt. 6:12) & 'Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.' (Eph. 4:32)