

1. Where does Philemon live, and how do we know this?
2. Unlike the start of many epistles, Paul does not establish himself as an apostle here. Why might that be?
3. What does Onesimus mean in Greek?
4. Explain the purpose of this letter. What is Paul asking Philemon to do?
5. How is Christ pictured in this story?
6. What does Paul mean in v. 10 about being Onesimus' father?
7. In v. 21 Paul is confident that Philemon will do even more than he says. What might this mean?
8. What might this story say about law versus grace?