

Philemon

Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.
Isaiah 55:7

Readings this week:

- S Philemon 1-7
- M Philemon 8-25
- T Matthew 6:19-15
- W Psalm 130
- Th Psalm 103
- F Romans 5:1-11
- S Isaiah 55:1-7

Read the book of Philemon and fill in the thoughts of the people involved. Try to bring out the way they are feeling, and how their feelings may have changed.

I wonder where Onesimus is now? ...

What is this letter?

What will he say? What will he do?



What does the story of Onesimus tell us about how to treat each other?

Paul says that Onesimus is more useful to Philemon as a brother than as a slave. What did he mean by that?

What does the story tell us about forgiveness?

Unscramble the words to complete the phrase.

We can be (SNAYWAUR) from God. We may think that he is a strict (RETMAS). We may not find it (SAYE) to come back to him. But when we do, we need no (TREE TL). He needs no (GIASEPRUDN). He (SFOGVIRE) the debt we owe him and however far we have (URN) he (SOWELMEC) us as his (VEDEBOL) (NERLDICH).

Why might we run away from God?

Learn the names of these books in order
Timothy
Titus
Philemon

Why does God want us to come back to him?

Digging Deeper

Confess

Read the following verses and then write a sentence or two about how confessing and forgiveness works.

Proverbs 28:13

James 5:16

1 John 1:9

Matthew 6:9-14

Luke 7:44-47

The three letters in the Bible that follow the letters to the churches are written to individuals. You now know who they all were.

Pray that you may accept the forgiveness God offers in Christ and learn to be as forgiving as he is.