

TITUS & PHILEMON

When Actions Speak Volumes

PART 1: PHILEMON

WIN

To understand Paul's reason for writing a letter to Philemon and to be inspired to move toward reconciliation with others

CONNECT

Paul wrote a letter to Philemon with a specific request, asking Philemon to reconcile with someone, even though it may have been difficult.

1. Can you think of any books, movies, or stories that portray reconciliation exceptionally well? If so, what story and why?
2. What are some reasons people typically don't reconcile?

LEARN

Before watching the video together and discussing the questions provided, we suggest taking a few moments to pray. Here's a simple prayer you can use:

Heavenly Father, thank you for this letter to Philemon that has been preserved all these years. Give us wisdom as we look to understand what we can learn and apply from it. Amen.

APPLY

Discuss the following questions as a group:

1. Is this your first exposure to the letter of Philemon? Whether it's new or familiar to you, what's one thing that stood out to you from the video?
2. In verse 12, Paul refers to Onesimus as someone "who is my very heart." What do you think he means by that? Why would Paul include that line to describe how he feels toward Onesimus?
3. What are some obstacles Philemon may have faced when it came to Paul's request of viewing his slave Onesimus as a brother?
4. What are some typical obstacles people face when it comes to initiating reconciliation?
5. Is there a person that comes to mind with whom you should try to reconcile? If so, what's your next step?



TITUS & PHILEMON

When

Actions

Speak

Volumes

BEFORE NEXT TIME

Next time we'll be looking at Paul's letter to Titus, so take some time to read through it before then. Try to come up with one sentence that summarizes the letter.

PRAY

Take prayer requests from the group and close in prayer.

