



## Week 11

**Sermon Series: Surrendered: Hosea, Titus, Philemon, Jonah**

**Sermon Title: A New Social Order in Jesus**

**Sermon Text: Philemon**

**Study Handout Week of: November 4, 2018**

**Group Week of: November 11, 2018**

**Sermon Date: November 18, 2018**

**BEFORE WE BEGIN:** What was your takeaway from this past Sunday's sermon?

**DOCTRINE: Atonement for Sin-** We believe the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the one mediator between God and man, Christ Jesus, God's Son. Appointed by the Father, He freely took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin. He perfectly obeyed the divine law. In His death on the cross Christ, the Lord bearing our sins in His own body on the tree, made a full and vicarious atonement for sin through a voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the Just dying for the unjust. Having then risen from the dead, He ascended into heaven becoming High Priest interceding for the saints. He thus is in every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate, and all-sufficient Savior. 1 Timothy 2:5- 6; Hebrews 2:17; 4:15; 1 Peter 2:24. (West Side Church Articles of Faith)

**ATTRIBUTE OF GOD/JESUS: Mercy-** Benevolence, tenderness, mildness, pity, or compassionate forbearance toward an offender. "The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion." (Numbers 14:18) "He who conceals his sin does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy." (Proverbs 28:13) "I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sin no more." (Hebrews 8:12) (From The Bible Dictionary)

### **DAY 1 Read Philemon 1-7**

1. What does Paul mean by saying he is a "prisoner of Christ Jesus"?
2. Beside Philemon, to whom was this letter addressed? Why do you think they were included?
3. Who was Philemon and what did Paul say about him?
4. If someone knew you by reputation, would they be likely to say, "I've heard about your faith in Jesus"? If not, why do you think that might be?

### **DAY 2 Read Philemon 8-16**

1. How does Paul describe himself as he writes this letter?
2. Who was Onesimus?

3. What does Paul mean in verse 11 when he uses the words “useless” and “useful”?
4. Why is Paul sending Onesimus back to Philemon?
5. Can being separated from someone you love be a good thing? How can it be a benefit?

**DAY 3 Read Philemon 12-21; 1 Corinthians 7:21-24**

1. What does Paul say about slaves in this 1 Corinthians passage?
2. What is Paul asking Philemon to do in his relationship with Onesimus?
3. How would you have handled this situation if you were Paul?

**DAY 4 Read Philemon 17-21; Luke 23:32-34; 1 John 1:10; 1 John 2:1-2; above Doctrine**

1. What response from Philemon do you think Paul was anticipating?
2. How is Paul’s plea in verse 18 concerning Onesimus a picture of what Christ has done for every repentant sinner?
3. How would you have responded to Paul today in a similar situation?

**DAY 5 Review Philemon**

1. What are the main lessons for us today from Philemon?
2. How could our relationships in Christ potentially challenge the social structures of the world around us?
3. Is there a relationship in your life that needs attention? What can you do today to start the process that is necessary to restore the relationship?