
FALL KICK-OFF WEEK # 3

Week #3: Preparing Our Hearts: LEGIT Character



Renovation Groups begin with a return to basics through a study of Philemon that mirrors our LEGIT series concerning Godly character. Paul's plea to Philemon for Onesimus' contains a powerful example of Godly character and the importance of reconciliation. We will also utilize this study to cement some key study skills for Scripture Study.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a time in your life when you have acted as an advocate for another person. Why did you decide to advocate for them, and what was the outcome?

2. **Read Philemon 1-25.**

Who was Onesimus? Who was Philemon? What was the situation or series of events that required Paul to act as an advocate for Onesimus?

3. **Re-Read 10-12.**

What is the specific "appeal" Paul is making, and what clues does the text offer about Paul's feelings toward Onesimus?

Study the word "appeal" by reading these passages as a group: 1 Corinthians 4:6, Ephesians 4:1, 1 Thessalonians 4:1, Titus 2:6. How does Paul's use of the word "appeal" (the same word as "urge") offer deeper meaning about Paul's interaction in this situation?

4. **Re-Read 17-22.**

We have been learning about LEGIT character in our latest Sunday morning teaching series. How does Paul reveal LEGIT character in this passage?

5. One of the ways that Paul offers LEGIT character is through the utilization of the power and influence he has to help another who has little power or influence. How can you offer LEGIT character when your brother and/or sister is in need? Who are the people in your life without power and influence that you can be an advocate for right now?

BE THE REVOLUTION

LEGIT character involves coming to the aid of another when we have power + influence to do so.

RENOVATING THE HEART

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake, I prefer to appeal to you... (*Philemon 1:8*).