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***Colossians 4:9*** *9 and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.*

***Philemon 1–25*** *1 Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker 2 and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, 5 because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, 6 and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. 7 For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. 8 Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, 9 yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— 10 I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. 11 (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) 12 I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. 13 I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, 14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. 15 For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, 16 no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. 17 So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. 18 If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. 19 I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. 20 Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. 21 Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. 22 At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you. 23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, 24 and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. 25 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. (ESV)*

**1. Comprehend\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(vv.6-10, 17, 20)**

**2. Prepare \_\_­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **(vv.3, 11, 17-20)**

**3. Follow \_\_­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **(vv.1-25)**

**Application Questions**

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today’s study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about LifeGroups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups or email us at info@compasshillcountry.org.*

1. Write down an observation or application you took away from this week’s sermon.

2. Read Acts 2:42-47. Even though this passage is a description of the early Christian community and not necessarily a prescription for every church today, what are the some of the benefits you can find in this passage when Christian’s commit to sharing their lives with one another? What are a few ways you can begin sharing your life with other Christians starting now?

*This Week’s Memory Verse*

**John 6:35**

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. (ESV)

3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:18–19 and Ephesians 2:11–22. How does the reconciliatory work of Christ on our behalf also inform the work of reconciliation we are responsible for in our relationships with others?

*This Week’s
Bible Reading Schedule*

**May 29th**

 *1 Chron 26-27 & John 11:18-46*

**May 30th**

 *1 Chron 28-29 & Jn 11:47-57*

**May 31st**

 *2 Chron 1-3 & John 12:1-19*

**June 1st**

 *2 Chron 4-6 & John 12:20-50*

**June 2nd**

 *2 Chron 7-9 & John 13:1-17*

**June 3rd**

 *2 Chron 10-12 & John 13:18-38*

**June 4th**

  *2 Chron 13-16 & John 14*

**June 5th**

 *2 Chron 17-19 & John 15*

4. Read Hebrews 13:7, 17 and 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13. What are some of the benefits of being a part of a church that follows biblical leadership? How does following this kind of leadership provide an environment for godly reconciliation and unity in the body?

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