

**PHILEMON 16 (NLT).** “He (Onesimus) is no longer like a slave to you. He is more than a slave, for he is a beloved brother, especially to me. Now he will mean much more to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord.”

 **THE BIG IDEA** 

**The Gospel Changes Our \_\_\_\_\_ Before God and Others**

“Once you were far away from God, but now **you** have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.” EPH 2:13

“We are all the Lord’s Onesimi.” MARTIN LUTHER

**THE GOSPEL**

“Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before... I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.” 1 COR 15:1-4

“For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes.” ROM 1:16

- **GOD’S WAY OF MAKING US \_\_\_\_\_**
- **GOD’S WAY TO \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT’S BROKEN**

**WHEN WE COME TO FAITH IN CHRIST, OUR STATUS CHANGES...**

“Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” 2 COR 5:17

- **From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

“For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.” LUKE 19:10

“There is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!” LUKE 15:7

- **From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

“Saints” are the body of Christ, Christians, the church.”

“[GOD] makes **sinners** right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.” ROM 3:26

“When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us **sinners**.” ROM 5:6

“Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living.” ROM 6:17-18

- **From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

“If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God.” JAS 4:4

“For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.” ROM 5:10

“So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.” ROM 5:11

- **From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

[JESUS] “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord’s favor has come.” LUKE 4:17-19

“So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.” JOHN 8:36

“For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.” ROM 6:7