

1. [Group]

2. GOD LOVES A MESSY CHURCH



3. CHURCH
GOSPEL RELATIONSHIPS
BACK TO BASICS
GOSPEL MISSION

4. GOSPEL
Jesus Christ provides a new way to be human through his sacrificial death.
BACK TO BASICS
and actual, physical resurrection.

5. Gospel
Living in Gospel Commitment
BACK TO BASICS
Requires Consistent Obedience

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7. Coming Home-Philimon 12-16

8. Reconciliation Roles (and risks)
12 I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you.
13 I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am to chase for the prize.
14 But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so I wrote these few lines so you would know what I was doing.

9. Reconciliation Roles (and risks)
15 Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might take him back home—
16 not longer as a slave, but rather like a slave, as if that weren't. He is my slave to me but more dear to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

10. Reconciliation Roles (and risks):

Onesimus	Paul	Philimon
Willing	Committed	Willing
Restorer	Committed	Restorer
Obedient	Gospel	Obedient
Confessor	Catalyst	Confessor
Eager for Restoration		Eager for Restoration

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11. Summary/Application
Questions from the Gospel-Challenged:
What course of action...
Is the least conditional?
Remains my 'right' and protective?
Best serves my interests?

12. Summary/Application
Questions from the Gospel-Committed:
What course of action...
Best expresses the life of Jesus Christ lived out through me?

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