



Week of Oct 6th, 2024

Philemon and Luke

Passages: Philemon 21-25

Luke 1:1-4

Questions:

- 1) In Philemon 21, discuss together the expectations Paul had from Philemon. What did Paul base these expectations on? What lessons are there for us to learn from those expectations?
- 2) In verses 23-24, the reader is greeted by a list of individuals serving with Paul in Rome. Two men, Mark and Demas stand out for different reasons. Discuss these two men, including other mentions of them in Scripture.
- 3) Regarding Demas, why is there no evidence of reconciliation between Demas and Paul? What makes it different than Philemon and Onesimus? What lessons of forgiveness do we glean from his example?
- 4) Turning to Luke 1:1-4, Consider Luke's time with Paul in Rome. How confident can we be in the historicity and veracity of the book of Luke? Why does this matter in our Christian walk?
- 5) Application: Self-Assessment – Have you been faithful in forgiving those people the Lord has brought to mind throughout the series in Philemon? If not, what do you need to do to remedy that problem? If so, what ways do you plan to prevent unforgiveness in the future?