



Sermon-based Guide Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Week of May 30 *It's a Family Affair*

Scripture: Philemon

This is a short letter from Paul, in prison, to Philemon, leader of a house church. Paul sends this letter as he sends Onesimus, a runaway slave, back to Philemon urging him to receive him “no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother.”

Main Point: Through Christ we become family

Questions

1. Name a person who has been like a brother, sister, mother, or father to you even though you are not biologically related to them. Tell us about that person and what they mean to you.

2. Why do you think Paul calls himself a prisoner of Jesus Christ? What does this mean to him? (He is an actual prisoner of Rome but he doesn't label himself as such.)
Have you ever thought of yourself as a prisoner of Jesus Christ?