

the book of PHILEMON the gospel changes EVERYTHING

Part 4: Philemon 21-25

INTRODUCTION: The Gospel changes everything.

The Gospel changes everyone and everything that it comes into contact with. Do you believe that? Have you experienced that? Are you willing to submit your life, in faith, hope and TRUST that this fact is true?

SERMON NOTES

The Theme of Philemon: The Gospel WORKS!

Review from last week:

1. The Gospel changes everything by CHANGING INDIVIDUALS
2. The Gospel Changes everything by CHANGING RELATIONSHIPS
3. A gospel-changed-person is most noticeable through gospel-changed-relationships

Notes for this week:

- Paul models the Jesus-ethic: *my life for yours*
- Paul asked that Philemon receive Onesimus as a _____ in Christ – *not as a* _____.
- The Gospel Changes everything by creating a _____.
- The Gospel changes everything by taking people from one _____ to another.
- The question the book of Philemon asks the church: which _____ are you living in?
- The power of Christ through the Holy Spirit is what keeps us in God's zip-code; we _____ through _____, _____ and obedience.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

The gospel is not just personal salvation but actually creates a new world/reality. Agree or disagree?

Why do you think Paul was so confident that Philemon would go above and beyond what he

was asking? What was it about Philemon's spiritual character that gave Paul such hope?

How is life in your spiritual "zip-code" right now?