

## **STUDY GUIDE: “The Outstanding Debt” Philemon**

### **Discussion Starters**

1. Have you ever incurred a large debt? (Share if you are comfortable)
  
2. Have you ever had the authority to order someone to do something but instead appealed to their better judgement? (explain)

### **Study**

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Concordance. Strong's Concordance is a good tool and [Blueletterbible.org](http://Blueletterbible.org) is a good tool to use for online study. I have also included Strong's Reference numbers to assist you. The letter before the reference pertains to the original language (H-Hebrew, G-Greek).

If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

3. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

--“order” (Philemon 8 Strong's Reference # g2004)—

--“appeal” (Philemon 9 Strong's Reference # g3870)—

--“heart” (Philemon 12 Strong's Reference # g4698)—

--“charge” (Philemon 18 Strong's Reference # g1677)—

--“repay” (Philemon 19 Strong’s Reference # g661)—

### **Read Philemon**

4. After reading Paul’s letter to Philemon, what is Paul’s request? (Be specific and thorough)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What is Paul illustrating by asking Philemon to put Onesimus’ outstanding debt on his account?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What is Paul implying about Philemon and to Philemon in verse 21?

### **Taking It Home**

7. What does it mean that Jesus has placed all of your sin debt on his account?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. How can you celebrate the fact that your sin debt has been paid in full this Easter week?