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Philemon

What is the book of Philemon?

- The book of Philemon is a letter from Paul. Timothy helped Paul write it.
- It's thought that Paul wrote it around the year AD 60.

Who was Philemon written to?

- To Philemon, his family and the church that met in their home.
- Followers of Jesus recognise that Philemon shares the truth about Jesus. It's for all people everywhere.

Why was Philemon written?

- To ask Philemon to take Onesimus back as a brother and not a slave.

Main ideas

- God brought Onesimus and Paul together.
- The good news changed Onesimus' life.
- The good news can change the relationship between a slave owner and a slave.

Outline

Greetings (1:1-3).

Prayer and giving thanks (1:4-7).

Paul makes an appeal for Onesimus (1:8-22).

Final greetings (1:23-25).