

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## Flint & Steel

**Week 5: The Results of Disciple-Making**  
**Philemon 1:17-18**

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Paul insisted that Onesimus' debt be transferred to his account. In doing so, he was reenacting what Christ did for us. Paul wanted Philemon to appreciate the work of Christ at a deeper level. Deep connection to the truth of the gospel can revolutionize our perspective in relating to others.

**Kicking It Off:** Jeff shared that his wedding cake crashed to the ground while being wheeled out into the reception hall. Have you ever witnessed a wedding disaster? If so, tell the group about it.

### Discussion:

1. Reread Philemon 1:17-18 *Welcome him as you would welcome me. If he owes you anything, charge it to me.*

Can you identify the two ways that these verses reflect the work of Christ in our lives?

2. Reread 2 Corinthians 5:21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Using this verse, explain what theologians mean by "The Great Exchange."

3. What does it mean to receive the "righteousness of God?"
4. Reread Philemon 1:19 *I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self.*

What is Paul saying in this verse?

5. How can our appreciation of "The Great Exchange" impact how we treat others?
6. Jeff stated: "Hurt People Hurt People...and...Blessed People Bless People." What did Jeff mean by this?
7. How can we stay emotionally connected to the outrageous windfall that we have received in our salvation?

**Wrapping It Up:** King David prayed "Restore to me the joy of your salvation" (*Psalms 51:12*). Pray that we, like David, might be reconnected to the joy found in all that is ours through Christ.