

## **This Week's Connection Group Notes**

**fccphx—Sunday, October 4, 2020**

**Citizens of Heaven *on Earth***

**LIBERTY**

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How is God's Story changing your life?

How/Who did you serve this week?

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**Word-** Read/Tell/Discuss: **The Book of Philemon**

1. Read Philemon 11. What do you suppose made Onesimus (whose name literally means "useful") at one time useless to his master Philemon, but now useful to him and to Paul?
2. Read Philemon 1. Why is it significant that Paul, in his salutation to Philemon in this letter discussing the fate of a slave, refers to himself as "a prisoner of Christ Jesus?"
3. Read Philemon 15-16 & Galatians 3:26-28. How would it be possible for Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a brother and no longer a slave, as Paul requests?
4. Read Romans 6:6-7, 14, 17-18. If you feel safe doing so, share something God has set you free *from*, as well as what good thing he has set you free to do *for* him.

**Big Idea:** God sets us free *from* our sin and separation from him. God sets us free *for* a life of doing right and friendship with him.

**Serve/Pray-** (1) Plan your next service project. How will you follow up on those you serve? (2) Divide, men with men & women with women, share a personal need, pray for each other by name.

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