

SERMON NOTES

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PHILEMON: FROM MASTER TO SERVANT

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BIG IDEA: True Christian <u>community</u> is built on <u>costly</u> Christ-like <u>love</u>.

Christian Community: Bestows great honor to all

We should <u>outdo</u> one another in showing <u>honor</u>.

Greatness comes through grateful humility.

Christian Community: Assumes the debt of others

Our freedom in Christ is spiritual and material.

We are the <u>hands</u> and <u>feet</u> that make it happen.

Christian Community: Is always a group effort

Christ is found in our interdependence.

Application questions:

- Name someone in your life whose God-given value you have overlooked due to their social status, past mistakes, or personal differences. How can you "outdo" them in showing honor?
- Where is God calling you to personally absorb a financial, emotional, or relational cost for the sake of another's restoration?
- Identify your "Epaphras, Mark, and Luke" who uphold you in prayer and hold you accountable to live out the gospel. If you can't think of anyone, what specific steps will you take this week to move from individualistic faith into the interdependent body of Christ?