

GOOD NEWS NOTES

Good News Notes are provided specifically with 4th-8th graders in mind as a way to help them follow along with the sermon. Anyone who finds them helpful is welcome to use them.

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**You will be asked to carry something.
It will be shaped like a cross.**

Philemon 1,7-21

Much of the Bible can feel like we are reading someone else's _____.

This letter is addressed to a Christian named _____ who had a _____ named Onesimus.

1. Why cost will be incurred.

The name Onesimus means _____.

In _____, Philemon and Onesimus (and Paul) were all _____ in the same family and _____ in the same gospel work.

What cost comes with viewing other people that way?

2. How payment will be made.

Why doesn't Paul just order Philemon to do the right thing?

Even though laws serve an important purpose, what are their limits?

3. What effect will be witnessed.

If Philemon did the right thing, Paul said it would _____ his _____.

Relying on laws assumes you have the _____ to make those laws. Even if we don't have that power, the power we always have is even _____.

When the Bible refers to our burdens as "crosses," whom does it connect us to?

For me to remember:

It's good news that we have been and will be asked to carry crosses. Because of Jesus, we know exactly what a cross has the power to do.