

Titus 3 & Philemon

Titus 3

Comprehension: (In other words, what does it say?)
What is the focus of this last chapter?

Interpretation: (In other words, what does it mean?)
What responsibilities do Christians have toward rulers and authorities?

Compare how we ought to live in Christ with how we lived prior to our lifechanging relationship with Jesus:

Summarize verses 4-8. Who and what saved you? How are you justified? What do you receive in return? To what are you to devote yourself?

Application: (In other words, how do I apply this to my life?)
Paul uses a lot of his writings instructing Christians on how to act, since we have the Holy Spirit, why is this still necessary?

Philemon

Comprehension: (In other words, what does it say?)

Who is writing and to whom is he writing? Where is the writer and where is the letter going? Why did he write this letter? What is the overall theme?

Interpretation: (In other words, what does it mean?)
How can actively sharing faith lead to fuller understanding of every good thing we have in Christ?

How does Paul encourage Philemon?

Who was Onesimus and what is his backstory? How did he become a son to Paul? How does Paul describe him?

What was Paul asking of Philemon? How do you imagine Philemon felt about receiving news of Onesimus and this request?

Paul is a very persuasive writer. Do you see any humor in this letter? He's also going to follow up with a visit? Hmm ☺

Application: (In other words, how do I apply this to my life?)
Is there anything that separates you from God? From other believers? What kind of community does God want for his people? Have you extended forgiveness and grace to someone who has harmed you physically, emotionally, financially, etc.?