

Missions: An Adventure In Faith

STUDY NO: 13

TOPIC: Philemon – Missions Supporters

BIBLE PASSAGES: Philemon 1:1-7, 20-25; and Luke 8:1-3; Acts 16:14,15; Romans 16:1,2; 1 Corinthians 9:4-14, 16:14-18, 2 Corinthians 9:5-15, Philippians 4:3,10-19, 2 Timothy 1:16-18; 3 John 1:5-8

HOW TO STUDY THIS LESSON:

Open in prayer asking God for truth and wisdom from His Word.

Read the Bible passage

Answer the questions, writing the answers in the space provided.

Take about 3-5 minutes per question.

Fill in the "Personal Application" section

If you have time write down prayer points for members of the group.

Close in prayer.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Philemon 1:1-7 – What seems to be Philemon's ministry to people? (1:5-7) What is Paul's opinion of Philemon?

2. Read Philemon 1:20-25 – What important Christian leaders did Philemon know? How do you think his gift of hospitality was working to his spiritual advantage?

3. What did Paul ask Philemon to prepare for him?

4. Read Luke 8:1-3 – How did the women minister to Jesus? Do you think it strange that even Jesus would require financial support?

5. Someone once said that: "The world operates by buying and selling but the Kingdom operates via giving and receiving". What do you think of this quote? (see also Matthew 10:8, 19:11, John 3:27, 7:39; 17:8, Acts 20:35, 1 Corinthians 2:12, Philippians 4:15)

6. What was Lydia's response as a new convert? (Acts 16:14,15) What did Paul ask the Roman church to do for Phoebe? (Romans 16:1,2) and the church of the Philippians to do for his co-workers (Philippians 4:3) ? Why did he ask this? How are these women helping the progress of the gospel?

7. Read 3 John 1:5-8 –How are missionary supporters co-workers with the Truth?

8. Read 2 Corinthians 9:5-15 – What are some of the rewards for cheerful giving?

9. Read 1 Corinthians 9: 4-14 - What right do hard-working missionaries have to financial support?

10. When a church fail to give what does God have to do? (1 Corinthians 16:17,18)

11. Philippians 4:10-19 – How is there a balance between the missionary's duty to be adaptable and content in all circumstances and the church's duty in giving to the work of the gospel?

12. Read 2 Timothy 1:16-18 – Why did Paul pray for mercy on the household of Onesiphorus? Does God remember the good we have done for others? (Acts 10:4,31)

PERSONAL APPLICATION – a command to obey, a warning to heed, a promise to claim, a deed to do, an attitude to change....

PRAYER POINTS – Use "Operation World" by Patrick Johnstone to pray for: **Brazil**