

**Dig Deeper @Home – “True Forgiveness”  
Complement to sermon on 04/19/2020 – “Gospel Saturated”**

**ICE BREAKER – ask these to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. Tell of a time you played the role of mediator. How did it go?
2. Name a movie/book that you think everyone should watch/read.

**MEMORIZE – Philemon v4-6**

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ

**READ Philemon**

**Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What sticks out to you in this passage?
2. What did you like? What didn't you like?
3. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
4. A church in Colossae met in Philemon's house and would have also received the letter we call Colossians. Read Colossians 1: 3-23.
  - a. What connections can you make between these verses and Philemon verses 1-7?
5. What is this passage revealing about God?
6. What is it revealing about us as humans?
7. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life or what truth from above do you need to apply in your life and how will you do that?

## **Experiential activity – Doing what the Cards Tell You**

For this game you will need a deck of cards. For each suit, pick an exercise activity that needs to be completed. For example, you might say hearts are jumping jacks, diamonds are sit-ups, clubs are mountain climbers and spades are burpees. (Make sure the activities are do-able with all parties involved.) The first player draws a card. Let's say it's the 9 of diamonds. That person needs to do 9 sit-ups. If they do, they get 9 points. If they don't, they get -2 times the amount of the card, in this case - 18. Go through all the cards. Person with the most points wins. For sake of points, Jacks are 11, Queens are 12, Kings are 13. Aces are wild, so the person gets to choose which exercise they do for 10 reps. After the game, discuss the connection between this game and Jesus being King.

## **SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)**

Majesty - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcOLw3HA51Y>

O Praise the Name - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>

Amazing Love - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8yFwDvSWTbA>

I will Sing of my Redeemer - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8DQR1DHc\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8DQR1DHc_Q)

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

## **Sending prayer based on the lesson:**

Go with sins forgiven. Serve the Lord with gladness. Freely you have received; freely give. Freely you have been forgiven; freely forgive.