



Week 13: Galatians 6:1-10

**GOSPEL COMMUNITY**

As the gospel transforms our lives, it also shapes our concern for fellow believers. It compels us to share their burdens and cultivate love within the household of faith. After all, if Christ sacrificed himself for us, then loving others in this way is not only a small price to pay, but a joy to engage in.

**THE SCRIPTURE: GALATIANS 6:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup> But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup> For each will have to bear his own load. <sup>6</sup> Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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▼ **restore** – this word is used by Matthew and Mark to describe fishermen's putting their nets back in order and restore to usefulness (Matthew 4:21; Mark 1:19).

## LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS: WEEK 13

### OPENING QUESTIONS

1. Who was the last person you helped move, and how did that go?
2. Here at church, how well do you feel you know and connect with other members? Mark an 'X' on the line below.

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Mostly strangers Family!

### DIVING DEEPER

3. In the final chapter of Galatians, Paul shifts focus from the liberating power of the Gospel to its implications for Christian community. How does the Gospel, according to Paul, change the way we view other believers?
4. In verse 1, Paul mentions "you who are spiritual." Who do you think is this group Paul is addressing?
5. Verse 1 warns us to "keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted." How might this warning be relevant when seeking to restore a fellow believer who has fallen into sin? Can you think of an example?
6. At first glance, verses 2 and 5 seem to contradict each other. Verse 2 encourages us to "bear one another's burdens," while verse 5 emphasizes carrying "each his own load." Explain how these verses can coexist and what distinguishes them.

7. In verses 1-3, Paul addresses the potential for pride when encountering a fellow believer's sin. What, according to Paul, is the antidote to feeling prideful about someone else's shortcomings?
8. Compare Galatians 6:4 with 5:26 (as well as Philippians 2:3 and Romans 12:10). Is Paul asking the Galatians to boast about themselves here? If not, what is the message of verse 4?
9. In Paul's time, students supported their teachers financially. Similarly, Paul advocated for churches to support their leaders (1 Corinthians 9:4-12; 1 Timothy 5:17-18). Based on verse 6, can we interpret this as exclusive support for local church ministries, or does it leave room for giving to parachurch organizations as well?
10. Looking back at the fruit of the Spirit from the previous week (Galatians 5:22-23), which of them is Paul calling on the Galatians to exercise in this passage?
11. What opportunities has God given to you to carry another's burdens?