



NEW COMMUNITY

LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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Galatians 6:1-10

In Galatians 6:1-10, Paul continues to unpack the *life* that is in line with *freedom* of the Gospel (chaps. 5-6). The particular focus of these verses is bearing one another's burdens in humility (6:1-5) and persevering in doing "good" for others, especially within the Church, "the household of faith" (6:6-10).

KNOW

Galatians 6:1-5 gives us insight into the challenges each one of us face in helping others when they are off course spiritually. We can only help others if we are in a good place ourselves. How can we "bear one another's burdens" in a way that fulfills "the law of Christ" (6:2; see also 5:13-15)? What "burdens" might this passage refer to? How is Christ's love a model (compare 6:2 with 1:3-5)?

The word "deceive" is mentioned twice in Galatians 6:1-10. What warnings about self-deception did Paul give in 6:3-5 and 6:7-10? What is the proper way to do "good" for God and others? What are some examples that you can think of in your own life that are consistent with Paul's teaching?

GROW

The passage is leading us to understand that Christ wants us to help each other with the big problems we encounter. Paul shows us how giving in to the desires of our sinful nature (“the flesh”) will destroy us. How can being open and honest with God give us a more realistic evaluation of ourselves? How can you approach serving others with greater humility?

GO

Sometimes, it easy to feel tired and weary from following Christ’s instructions. If everyone in life struggles from burdens that become too much to bear at times, what can we do in our communities to help those who are struggling with their burdens? What are critical moments when we can persist in doing good even though we’re weary? Where can we sow to please the Spirit? What types of relationships can help us do this?

“Burdens” and “Load”

Sometimes, there are important differences between words in the Bible that are not covered by English translations. The words “burdens” (6:3) and “load” (6:5) provide a good example of this dynamic. “Burdens” refers to “weights” or “burdens,” while “load” means “a burden” or “a load.” Paul exhorts us to be able to carry our own “load” before we turn our attention to the “burdens” of others when it is too much for them to carry on their own.