

Galatians 6:1-10

Study Guide

Review: Galatians 5

"Walk by the Spirit" (It's a love relationship with Jesus, not a law-focused religion). We yield to His Spirit moment by moment, we feed ourselves from God's word and we 'crucify' our flesh (Gal. 5:24). Walking by the Spirit is messy. It's a process. Many of us have been deeply wounded and it has led to shame, fear, anger, anxiety etc. As a result we need support to work on "walking by the Spirit". Where have you found support in the past?

Big Idea: Do Not Give Up! Spiritual Restoration and Sowing to the Spirit will bear fruit.

1. Read Galatians 6:1-5.

To be 'caught' in a transgression is to be 'snagged' by our sins. Satan and the world will shame and crush people when their sins begin to surface. On the contrary, according to our passage, 'spiritual' people are called to offer spiritual restoration.

Discuss each of the characteristics. Which one is your favorite and why? Share a time when you seen this work well?

Spiritual restoration...

- ...is gentle (v.1)
- ...is generous (v.2)
- ...is humble (v.1b & 3)
- ...doesn't compare (v.4)
- ...encourages personal load bearing (v.5)

2. Read Galatians 6:6-10.

a. The principle is that you reap what you sow. Share examples of what is meant by sowing to the Spirit and sowing to the flesh. What are the dynamics and the results of each?

b. According to verse 6, what you do with your money is a tangible gauge on sowing to the Spirit or the flesh. The Church is there to teach, equip, offer community, a spiritual covering and mission focus. How does sowing to the mission of God, help produce spiritual fruit? Discuss.

c. According to v. 9-10, it's easy to get tired and want to give up when we don't see immediate results. What has been helpful for you when you have felt this way? How can we continue to encourage each other not to give up? Discuss.

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Message Outline

Galatians 5: Walk by the Spirit: *yield- feed- crucify*.

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A. Spiritual Restoration- Galatians 6:1-5

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. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. 5 For each will have to bear his own load.

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B. You Reap What you Sow (v. 6-10)

6 Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. 7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8 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.

1. Money as a Tangible Gauge (v.6)

B. You Reap What you Sow (v. 6-10)

2. Do Not Give Up! (v.9-10)

9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 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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