## **Galatians Small Group**



## Session 6- Sowing and Reaping

- Icebreaker -
  - Share a time where you did something despite knowing it was going to be bad for you. (This can be funny)
  - LEADERS NOTE: Since it's an icebreaker we would usually want to lean less serious. Maybe someone ate something they knew would hurt later or stayed up late knowing they had to take a test or work in the morning.

**READ:** Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. **2** Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. - Galatians 6: 1-2 (NKJV)

- Who is Paul speaking to in this context of those that are being taken over by a trespass, believers or unbelievers?
- How are we to restore someone out of gentleness in a way that shows that we bear the believers burden?
- LEADERS NOTE: It is important to note that Paul is talking about restoring believers out of their trespass. Paul does not try to fix the trespasses of those that are currently in unbelief. They are the ones that need to hear the gospel that transforms them.
- The ones who know Jesus but yet continue in unrighteousness are the ones that need to be restored gently. Restoration of someone should be done with gentleness and love and always be motivated by the desire to bring someone closer to Christ. This is done without judgement or selfish motivation which is sinful in itself.

**READ**: **7** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. **8** For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. - Galatians 6:7-8 (NKJV)

- Paul really wanted the Galatians to consider whether they were storing up treasures here on Earth or in heaven. How does living with that in mind change the way we live?
  - LEADERS NOTE: Matthew 6:19-20 talks about storing up treasures in heaven. The big picture of this verse is talking about whether we are living in light of eternity or do our actions really show are lack of faith in that we are trying to the most out of the short time on this Earth. Eventually we all reap what we sow and we would do well to thing about what we are sowing in light of the eternity we are called to live.
- What are some areas in your life that you need to give to God to show that you are living in light of eternity and have complete trust in him?
- 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:9-10 (NKJV)

We often think of how we can be served instead of how we can serve others. Where is God calling you to "do good" this week?

