

## Galatians Chapter 6:1-5

### Meeting Guide

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#### Pray

Apart from God, we can do nothing. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion. Throughout your time together, continue asking God for help.

#### Read Scripture

Read Galatians 6:1-5 together.

#### Bible Study

The bulk of your time will be spent discussing God’s Word together.

#### Remember:

- Walk through the Bible study together using the HEAR method and talk about what stuck out most to you in the passage.
- Make sure you move discussion to the application section of your study.
- Affections, beliefs, and practices: Make sure to apply the passage to all of your life.

#### Pray

- Take time to pray for one another and ask for His grace to apply His Word to our daily lives.

#### Galatians 6:1-5 (ESV)

*“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.”*

**Open:** How has the church (people who are followers of Jesus) helped display the love and care of Christ to you?

#### Study:

- 1) What seems to be the dominant theme, or big idea, in Galatians 6:1-5? What is countercultural and even somewhat unnatural about the instructions in these verses?
- 2) What word pictures, illustrations or metaphors does Paul use in this section of Scripture. Why might he have chosen some of these particular images?
- 3) What important reminders about the body of Christ are present in Galatians 6:1? How does Paul speak about other members of the church?
- 4) How does Paul define “transgression?” (See 2 Corinthians 2:7, Hebrews 12:13)

- 5) Why is it necessary to approach a brother or sister in sin with gentleness? (See 2 Timothy 2:25). How else should we be careful to approach these circumstances?
- 6) In what sense does bearing “one another’s burdens” fulfill “the law of Christ” (Gal. 6:2)? What does Paul mean by that? How is Christ our ultimate example of bearing the burdens of others, and what are some ways in which our lives could demonstrate that we have truly understood and believed his burden-bearing work on our behalf?
- 7) In verses 3-5, what kind of attitude does Paul warn against? What does he mean by thinking we are “something,” and why is such presumption so dangerous (vs. 3)? How do these verses demonstrate the importance of humility, meekness, and personal devotion to Christ, even in the midst of life in community with others?

**Apply:**

- 8) Paul argues that those who boast and rely upon their own strength and wisdom are deceived. Describe ways we often rely upon ourselves and our abilities?
- 9) How does loving like Christ look different from how the world loves? Practically, how can we better reflect the image of Christ to our communities?
- 10) What might it look like for you to more intentionally “keep in step” with the Spirit (Gal. 5:25)? What means has God given us to maintain the vitality of our relationship with Him? Why do we so often neglect an intentional nurturing of our relationship with God, by his Spirit, and how can we overcome these hindrances?

**PRAY:**

- Take time thank God that He is gentle towards you when you do sin because of the gospel.
- Take time to thank God for the community that He has given to you.
- Ask God for the Spirit’s help to be gentle in seeking to restore fallen brothers and sisters.
- Ask God for the Spirit’s power to bear the burdens of others with joy and humility.