

## **Galatians Chapter 6:6-10**

### **Meeting Guide**

Note: Questions were either taken from or adapted from “No Other Gospel, The Book of Galatians” study guide from Citadel Square Church and *Galatians: The Gospel of Free Grace 13-Lesson Study* by Jon Nielsen and Philip Graham Ryken

#### **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 6:6-10 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 6:6-10 (ESV)**

*“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.”*

**Open:** If you were a farmer, what would you plant and why?

#### **Study:**

- 1) What seems to be the dominant theme, or big idea, in Galatians 6:6-10?
- 2) What metaphor or word picture does Paul utilize in Galatians 6:7-9? Why do you think he chooses this illustration? How does it relate to what he wrote earlier in this letter? What kind of thinking and/or behavior is he warning the Galatians believers against?
- 3) What does sowing “to the Spirit” look like, in contrast to sowing to the flesh (6:8)? How does one know if he or she is sowing to the Spirit, or sowing to his or her own flesh? How might verses 9-10 of this passage help us, at least initially, to answer this question?

- 4) Re-read Galatians 6:10. What does it mean to “do good to everyone?” How can you especially “do good” for others in the church? Why?

**Apply:**

- 5) How might you be able to begin to self-diagnose the tendency you have to “sow to the flesh” rather than to “sow to the Spirit”? In what ways does your treatment of others in the community of faith serve as a reflection and indication of the health of your relationship with God? Where do you need to grow most, right now, in your loving goodness to those in “the household of faith” (6:10)?
- 6) Paul encourages us not to grow weary of doing good. What hope can you cling to when you are tired of doing good? (See 1 Corinthians 15:58; Hebrews 10:36, Hebrews 12:5). Do you have any examples of a time when you wanted to give up, and the Lord sustained you and grew you as a result? If you can, recount how He sustained you?

**PRAY:**

- Take time thank God for the ways He has done good to you through the gospel.
- Take time to thank God for the ways He’s used the church to care for and sustain you.
- Ask God for the Spirit’s power to sow to the Spirit.
- Ask God for the Spirit’s empowerment to help you to keep doing good to one another.