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SPIRIT-LED COMMUNITY

Pastor Jason Uptmore // Galatians 6:1-10

PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.

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Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. 5 For each one will bear his own load. 6 The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him. 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will 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. 9 Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. 10 So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.



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REFLECT/CONNECT

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

- What's a time in life when you felt really helped or supported by someone else? Describe what happened and include the thoughts and feelings it prompted from you.
- How well does your daily routine match up to the type of life you want to produce?

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.

GROW IN THE WORD

01. Paul called the Galatians to gently restore those caught in sin and warned them to stay humble so that they avoid temptation themselves. He encouraged the community to bear each other's burdens while also urging personal responsibility for one's own actions (v. 1-5).

- What do you think it means to be "spiritual," and why does Paul instruct only those "who are spiritual" to restore the one who sins? Consider the immediate context before and after verses 1-2.

GROW IN THE WORD

- How would you go about confronting someone in a "spirit of gentleness", and why would gentleness be important for this type of conversation? See also 2 Timothy 2:24-25; Matthew 7:1-5.
- What would it look like for you to help carry another person's burden yet also be responsible for your own? Invite the Spirit to help bring to mind real people and concrete ways to move forward.

02. Paul used the metaphor of sowing and reaping to teach the Galatians that their actions have real consequences, and he related his instruction back to living by the Spirit versus living by the flesh. He urged the Galatians to persevere in doing good to all people and especially to those in their faith communities (v. 6-10).

- What would it feel like to be part of a community that "bears one another's burdens" and "sows the Spirit and not the flesh"?

GROW IN THE WORD

- What do you think Paul meant by reaping “eternal life” in verse 8? Did he mean life after death or something that can be experienced now? Think back to the fruits of the Spirit in chapter 5 and see what Jesus says about eternal life in John 17:3.
- How do you want your thoughts, feelings, attitudes, and actions to change in light of this passage?

UPCOMING EVENTS

RE|ENGAGE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

January 12 - May 4 | Sundays | 9:05 am

Whether your marriage is good and you want it to be great, or you are at rock bottom and wonder if there is hope. Each week, you will hear from couples whose marriages have been transformed, learn practical ways to grow in oneness with your spouse, and gain insight from others in a small group setting. Learn more online and register online!

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