

FOOD TIME: (30-45 minutes) – Remember to give some direction for this time.

MEETING TIME: (45 minutes)

Paul closes his letter to the church in Galatia with such a inspirational message. It is one that calls on us to have a unity under the Spirit. Paul calls us to bear one another's burdens while at the same time making sure that we look at ourselves as well. That grace that Paul exemplifies throughout the book of Galatians leaves us in chapter 6 with a call. It is a call to be generous and do good to others. Because of our faith, we have the opportunity to show the love of Christ to everyone that we come across.

READ Galatians 6:1-10

1 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. **3** For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. **4** But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. **5** For each one shall bear his own load. **6** Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. **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 the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. **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.

FACILITATE Discussion Questions

1. Why does Paul tell us to restore in a spirit of gentleness?
2. How can we take a bold step and live out verse 6 in sharing all good things?
3. What is the importance of grace in these first 10 verses?
4. How can we build one another up so that we do not lose heart?
5. Has God presented that opportunity to do good to others recently? If so, how?

PRAY- Take the last 10 minutes to pray about the needs of the group.

APPLICATION- As we finish out the book of Galatians, the biggest takeaway from Paul's letter is that we need to live a life that is based on the foundation of the grace that Christ provides to us through His sacrifice on the cross. Just as the church in Galatia was during that time, we can also tend to fall into legalistic tendencies. Studying a book like this can truly remind us that we get to live in the grace that God provides to us daily. As we close out the first semester of connect groups, the application is to live that life of grace out in every interaction that you have, whether they are believers or non-believers. Challenge yourself to do something difficult and do good to others, even if they are not returning it to you. When we look to show others that grace that God gives us, it gives others the opportunity to know what the love of Christ can look like. As followers of Christ, our goal should be to live a life worthy of Christ, and that starts with how we can treat others. That application continues as well as we need to continue to encourage and exhort one another because as we all know, sometimes it can feel tiring and make us weary. When we try and build up one another, it can be so uplifting and make it so that we do not lose heart. So as we enter the holiday season, build up one another, and look to show God's love to others through our words and our actions.