

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Living out the gospel with
one another in our homes

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Restoration People - Galatians 6:1-5

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Prayers: that we'd be filled with the Spirit and gentle mercy of Christ; that we would bear each others' burdens; that he would be restoring us; that we would see the plank in our eyes before the specks in others' eyes; and that we'd not boast in anything but Jesus!

Summary: We, the Church, are to advocate and restore what sin desecrates. This is only possible through submission to our Triune God. When failures occur, the Father looks to the Son and remembers the payment that was made on the cross, the Son advocates for his people as our great High Priest, and he cleanses us from all unrighteousness. Being led by the Spirit (not our initial fleshly reactions), in gentleness, we are to respond to failures within the Church by doing these three things: 1) Restoring Others, 2) Keeping Watch, and 3) Bearing Other's Burdens.

Discussion Questions:

1. When you hear the word 'restoration,' what visual image comes to mind? If you feel comfortable sharing, have you ever experienced a time when the Church successfully helped restore you or someone else after a failure? Talk about what made the process work, what would you have changed about the experience, and what you learned. For the *rule followers* who "play it safe," what could they be missing out on?
2. Read Matthew 18: 15-17 as well as John 8:1-11. Discuss the character and skills of our Lord and how those attributes can be leveraged in the implementation of church discipline. How were or how could've these attributes been applied to the failures discussed in #1, above?
3. When trying to restore others, of what should we keep watch? Ted mentioned we should approach others in the grace of God - what does this mean? What are some practical ways to refrain from thinking (even if it's only a fleeting thought) we've just gone up a notch on the favored-by-God scale when a brother or sister in Christ fails?
4. In bearing each other's burdens, verse 2 says, "...and so fulfill the law of Christ." What is meant by this (see also Mark 10:45 and Jn 13:34)? What are some practical ways to bear each other's burdens?