

Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. Which part of the message was most impactful to you and why?

Start Sharing & Talking About the message. NOTE: Pastor may not cover all points in all services.

Setting/Open: The most beneficial part of our lives is the love of God flowing through us. A sign of that love is restoring the lost by caring enough to help mend a broken person. Our displays of love are received and noticed by others. **1Cor 13:4-7 & Gal 5:22**

More practical instructions for allowing the grace of God to flow through us.

- 1. 6:2** What does this verse tell us to do? **A.** Bear on another's burdens, which is the heart or essence of the gospel of Jesus. What DON'T we want to be? **A.** Burden givers/causers. **John 13:34-35** What is our focus in bearing another's burdens? **A.** Our love for one another, operating in word and deed. What are things Jesus didn't say? **A.** Bible knowledge, our social media following, our opinions or political preferences. **Point:** Don't focus on or be distracted by the wrong things. **Phil 3:12-14** According to Pastor Ed, what is an application of these verses? **A.** We focus on the wrong things, which causes us to waste time & energy living carnally rather than spiritually. **1Cor 3:1-4** What should our focus be? **A.** Love & grace. Looking out for others. **Discuss:** Is it only the Pastors who should be actively engaged in the lives of hurting people, or should it also be the Church/His body? To help people we must be engaged in their lives so we can know their burdens. **App:** We can't do everything, but we can do something. Ask God to make us burden bearers.
- 2. 6:3** What destroys even the strongest Christians? **A.** Spiritual Pride. **Prov 16:18** **Read Psalm 36:1-4 (NLT)** What do "they" refuse to do? **A.** *They refuse to act wisely or do good.* They fall to the worst deception – self-deception. By contrast, what do spiritual people do? **A.** They listen to the Lord and follow Him in the power of the Holy Spirit. What don't we want to perceive ourselves as? **A.** Mr. or Mrs. Spiritual Fix-it, or a know-it-all. Instead, we acknowledge our dependence on the Lord's wisdom. Pray for it. **1Cor 10:12**
- 3. 6:4** What does it mean to examine ourselves? **A.** To scrutinize our spiritual walk. **Lam 3:40-41** **Matt 7:1** Judge not. According to this verse & Pastor Ed's observation, what do we need to do before we judge? **A.** Get our house in order first. Take care of our walk with the Lord.
- 4. 6:5** What is the difference between the burdens in v2 and v5? **A.** In v5 the load is a "soldier's pack." In v2 it refers to a person overwhelmed & too weak to carry on. What is the distinction between the two? **A.** The burden in v5 refers to our responsibilities & daily walk with the Lord. The burden in v2 is coming alongside someone who falls into sin and help them carry their load. Help someone who is too weak to carry their burden alone. **2Thes 3:6-12** What is the **App?** **A.** Carry our own pack/load/burden while being ready to help others in need. Don't be a burden. **Eph 4:28 (NKJV & NLT)** Once we get our house/lives in order, we are ready to help others.

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Helping Each Other Along the Way

Galatians 6:1-5

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