# Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church Sermon Series: Breaking Fake – November 20, 2022



This guide is a supplement to the weekly sermon. We encourage families and groups to use it. When we hear God's Word, we need to do more than listen. The Bible says, "Be doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:22)." **Step 1: GATHER** with your family or group. **Step 2: REVIEW** and **DISCUSS** the key points and scriptures from the sermon. **Step 3: PRAY** for the prayer requests shared by your family or group.

## **DISCUSSION STARTER**

Ask your group, "What's hardest about serving others? How do you feel when you aren't thanked for going out of your way to help someone?" "Why?"

## **DIGGING DEEPER 1**

Read Galatians 6:1-3. Say, "Paul makes it clear that though we are under grace, this does not mean we should tolerate sin. It is each believer's responsibility to confront the sin they see in other believers." Ask, "What did Paul say about helping a Christian overtaken by sin? What warning about sin do strong Christians need to heed?" Say, "We are not a group of individuals following after God completely by ourselves. We are part of a group, part of a family. A family should help each other. Ask, "What kind of burdens can we help other's bear?" Say, "The word "bear" means to carry the weight or the load. Stresses, worries, health problems, spiritual struggles are all types of weights that we carry." Ask, "What is a specific way you can bear one another's burdens this week?" Say, "In verse 3 Paul warns us not to become prideful, thus being self-deceived." Ask, "What is the antidote to self-deception?"

#### **DIGGING DEEPER 2**

Read Galatians 6:4-6. Say, "Each person has personal responsibility before God. We are responsible to take advantage of the opportunities we have to serve God well." Ask, "If you were to face God today and He asked you to show the work you have done for Him on this earth, what would you have to show for it?" Ask, "How much time have you spent building God's kingdom and how much time have you spent building your own?" Say, "On that day you will not be able to point to others and either blame them or take credit for what they did. In some respects, you will be alone standing before the judgment seat." Ask, "Will you be able to stand with confidence or will you feel ashamed?" Ask, "What work does God want you to do for Him that is still unfinished?"

### **DIGGING DEEPER 3**

**Read Galatians 6:7-10.** Ask, "What does verse 7 teach us about God? What is the universal principle here, which governs all human endeavors?" Ask, "How did Paul apply this principle to our spiritual lives both negatively and positively?" Ask, "Why is it so important to please the Spirit rather than our sinful nature?" Say, "Considering Paul's previous teachings, what did he mean by "doing good" in verse 9? (2 Tim 4:2)" Discuss, "Why might people become weary or be ready to give up?" Ask, "What promise, and hope helps us to persevere and overcome?" Ask, "In light of the assurance of the harvest, when should we do good (John 9:4)? For whom? Why especially for the family of believers?"

#### DOING THE WORD

How can you help a member of your church this week with a particular burden he or she has? Think of ways you can support someone in missions like our Storehouse ministry in a way that will please the Spirit? Pray that you and CF will not grow weary in doing good.