

Small Group Guide: Galatians 6 - Living in Grace and Restoring Others

Key Takeaways from the Sermon

1. **Grace is the foundation** - We are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone
2. **Restoration over judgment** - Truly spiritual people restore those who stumble rather than condemn them
3. **Bear one another's burdens** - We're called to help others carry loads too heavy for one person
4. **Walk in humility** - We are bondservants of Christ, not spiritual celebrities
5. **Examine your own work** - Focus on your own relationship with Christ, and do not compare it to others
6. **Sow to the Spirit** - What we plant (spiritual or fleshly) determines what we harvest
7. **Don't grow weary** - Keep serving even when it's difficult; God will complete His work in us

Discussion Questions

Section 1: Restoration and Bearing Burdens (Galatians 6:1-2)

Read Galatians 6:1-2

1. Pastor Jerry said this passage is "a discerner of hearts." What does this reveal about whether someone is truly spiritual or legalistic?
2. What's the difference between being a "sin sniffer" versus someone who embraces and restores? Which tendency do you struggle with more?
3. Why does Paul warn us to "consider yourself, lest you also be tempted" when restoring others? How does unforgiveness open doors to temptation in our own lives?
4. **Practical Application:** Is there someone in your life who is struggling or has stumbled that you need to reach out to this week? What practical step can you

take to "bear their burden"?

Section 2: Humility and Self-Examination (Galatians 6:3-5)

Read Galatians 6:3-5

5. Pastor Jerry asked: "Are you a humble servant? Or do you think you're the person that God has anointed so you can go out and minister to everybody else because you're **somebody** in Christ?" How would you honestly answer that question?
6. What's the difference between the "burden" we help others carry (v. 2) and the "load" we each must bear (v. 5)?
7. Why is it important to examine our own work before the Lord rather than comparing ourselves to others?
8. **Reflection Question:** When you look in the mirror spiritually, what is God asking you to change in your life right now?

Section 3: Sowing and Reaping (Galatians 6:7-10)

Read Galatians 6:7-10

9. Explain the gardening metaphor Paul uses. What are you currently "planting" in your life—seeds of the Spirit or seeds of corruption?
10. Pastor Jerry mentioned a man who went by two different names—one at church, one everywhere else. How do we guard against being "double agent Christians"?
11. Robert Louis Stevenson said, "Sooner or later in life, we will all sit down to a banquet of consequences." What are some of the consequences in your banquet?
12. **Practical Application:** What is one specific area where you need to start "sowing to the Spirit" instead of sowing to the flesh?

Section 4: Not Growing Weary (Galatians 6:9-10)

Read Galatians 6:9-10 and 1 Peter 5:7

13. When have you felt weary in doing good or serving the Lord? What typically causes that weariness?
14. Pastor Jerry said when we get weary, "it's because we're trying to do that in our own power. We're not walking in the spirit." How can we tell the difference between Spirit-empowered service and self-powered striving?
15. What encouragement does Philippians 1:6 offer when we feel like giving up? ("He who has begun a good work in you will complete it...")
16. **Group Exercise:** Share one area where someone in the group is feeling weary. Pray together and discuss practical ways the group can help bear that burden.

Section 5: Boasting Only in the Cross (Galatians 6:14-18)

Read Galatians 6:14-18

17. What's the difference between Paul's motivation (glorifying Christ) and the Judaizers' motivation (glorifying themselves)?
18. Pastor Jerry asked: "When people see you coming, are they glad you're coming? Or when they see you leave, are they glad you left?" What does your honest answer reveal about your heart?
19. Paul said he bore "the marks of the Lord Jesus" on his body from his sufferings. How does this contrast with those who want to "make a good showing in the flesh"?
20. **Final Reflection:** How does understanding grace change the way you relate to God? To others? To yourself?

Practical Applications

Choose 1-2 applications to focus on this week:

Individual Applications:

- **The Mirror Test:** Spend time this week examining your own walk with Christ using Galatians 6 as a guide. Journal your reflections.
- **Restoration Mission:** Identify one person who has stumbled or is struggling. Reach out to them in a spirit of gentleness this week.
- **Burden Bearing:** Ask God to show you someone carrying a burden too heavy for them. Take a practical step to help them.
- **Sowing Assessment:** List areas where you're sowing to the Spirit and areas where you're sowing to the flesh. Make one specific change.

Memory Verse

Galatians 6:9 - "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

Closing Reflection

Pastor Jerry emphasized that this entire book is about **GRACE**.

- Grace doesn't mean we're perfect
- Grace means God gives us the tools to follow Him
- Grace means when we mess up, He forgives us
- Grace means we should extend that same grace to others

Final Question: In what relationship or situation do you most need to extend grace this week?

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." - Ephesians 2:8-9