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Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important. Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. For we are each responsible for our own conduct. Those who are taught the word of God should provide for their teachers, sharing all good things with them. Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

## Be a <u>PLACE MAKER</u>, not a <u>SPACE TAKER</u>

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## 1. BUILD People Up - Don't BEAT Them Up

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### 2. Be a Burden <u>LIFTER</u> not a Burden <u>GIVER</u>

### Galatians 6:6

Those who are taught the word of God should **provide** for their teachers, **sharing all good things** with them.

## 3. Live a life of **IRRATIONAL GENEROSITY**

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## 4. Keep <u>INVESTING</u>

#### Talk it over:

- 1. Share a time when someone "made space" for you and it made a difference in your life.
- 2. It seems like encouraging one another is a big theme in the New Testament. Why do you think building up and lifting up others seems to be such an important theme of our faith? How have you experienced the power of encouragement in you life?
- 3. Why is living a life of Irrational Generosity so important in our spiritual growth and community?
- 4. What area(s) of your life and community do you feel like God is calling you to "keep investing" in right now?