



TIC Connect Group Discussion Guide

9-15 June 2019 | Galatians 6:1-10

The Message. Sow to the Spirit, not to our own flesh. Bear each other's burden, restore those who have fallen into sin, and stop comparing themselves with others! Everyone will reap what they sow.

Context. Paul ends his letter to the Galatians by telling them that God is not mocked, everyone reaps what they sow. Paul encourages them to bear each other's burden, restore those who have fallen into sin, and stop comparing themselves with others. This is how should Christian community be.

Observation & Meaning

1. What we should and should not do when we see a Christian sins (6:1a)? Which quality of the fruit of the Spirit will be apparent here?
2. What temptation may appear when we restore a Christian who has fallen into sin (6:1b)? How does our attitude in restoring contribute to it?
3. What are the two basic assumptions in verse 6:2?
 - a. What is the significance of the mutuality in bear one another's burden?
 - b. Does this contradict 6:5 where Paul asks them to carry his own load?
4. What contrast does Paul make in 6:3 and 6:4?
5. What does Paul mean by "his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor" (6:4)?
6. How should the relationship between church's leaders and members be (6:6)? In the context of the ministry in the church, how can church members help to bear church's leaders burden?
7. What does Paul encourage us to do in both 6:9 and 6:10?
 - a. What is the motivation for doing this?
 - b. What priorities does Paul give in doing this? Why is that?

Application

8. FCF. What false attitude that may make us act as if we can mock God (6:7)?



- a. In what ways can we sow to our own flesh (6:8)?
 - b. In what ways can we sow to the Spirit (6:8)?
9. How do you explain that the work of Jesus has removed the punishment of sin, yet “God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap” (6:7)?

Gospel-Centeredness.

10. What does the gospel tell us about ourselves? In what ways we are *nothing* and in what ways we are *something* (6:3)? How does this affect the way we treat ourselves and others?

Insight

Grow weary (6:9). In the ancient world, this phrase translated *lose heart* or *grow weary* was used for the kind of fear and weariness a woman experiences during labor but before delivery. It describes a time when the work is hard and painful, but also unfinished and unrewarded. It's easy to lose heart when we feel like that, but that is exactly when we must hang on and not grow weary while doing good. (Guzik)

Resources

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