



SDG Discussion Guide

Galatians 6

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For starters:

Were you a troublemaker or a peacemaker as a younger person?

Have you ever tended a garden? What kind of garden was it? What did you like or dislike about it?

When you hear the phrase “doing good” what comes to your mind?

Interaction with the text: The following questions are meant to provide points of further interaction with the respective sermon text. Feel free to forward the questions to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find these questions in print on that Sunday.

As you can, read aloud the passages in your group; read them aloud a second time but from a different Bible translation (eg, read from the Message after first reading from the NIV). Before you begin your discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together, what points and questions arose? Spend plenty of time in your group to address these. Explore and see how God may steer the discussion. The following are further questions for interaction.

1. As brothers and sisters in Christ, what responsibilities do we have for each other?
2. How do verses 1-2 illustrate ways of helping someone to “keep in step with the Spirit” (5:25)? What is the “law of Christ” (5:14)?
3. How does verse 5 relate to verse 2? Are they contradictory? (The word “load” in verse 5 does not mean a crushing burden, but rather a small, individual pack.) What sort of burdens do your friends or family carry? How do you (or could you) help them with these burdens?
4. What is the main point of Paul’s teaching on the Spirit-filled life (vv 7-10)? Where in your life do you need to sow to please the Spirit instead of your sinful nature?
5. How does Paul sum up his own motives (v 14)?
6. Why does Paul call these Gentile Galatians the “Israel of God” (v 16; see 3:6-9)? How is that a final rebuke to those who would compel these believers to obey Jewish rules?
7. What does it mean to have the cross as your model in your daily life? What does it mean to “boast” in the cross of Jesus (v 14)? Is this boasting a part of your life lately?
8. What is a key lesson you learned in this passage?

Spend some time in prayer. Ask God to continue to speak to you from his word in this passage. Pray, how can your small group help you “carry each other’s burdens”? As you go forth, be sensitive to notice God’s “nudge”... and respond to it.

*These questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).