



GALATIANS

DEEPLY ROOTED FREEDOM

GALATIANS 6:1-10

GETTING STARTED...

Who knows you best? Maybe your parents? Friends? Spouse? Coworkers? Naturally we will have people in our lives who know certain aspects of our life. Your friends know one side of you, and your family knows another. But who knows your spiritual life? Culturally, we as Canadians are very closed off. We highly prize individualism and therefore reject needing to lean on someone. While that is changing, the idea of someone who knows your failures still seems difficult. Yet that is exactly what Paul describes happening in the church. We are to hold one another accountable in our walk with God. That means we must know one another, and be vulnerable to be open to one another. This is part of how we use our freedom in Christ, we use it to show the kind of love that Christ has for us. The church is to be the place where we care for one another spiritually and practically.

READ THE TEXT: GALATIANS 6:1-10

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load. ⁶Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do

not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORD

1. Compare vs 2 and vs 5. Both are true, so how do we put those two commands together?
2. Considering 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, how do we understand “sowing to the Spirit” in verse 8?

REFLECTING ON THE SERMON

3. What was the main point of the sermon?
4. What has God been impressing on your heart from the sermon?

APPLYING THE POINT

5. Who in your life calls you out on your sin? If you do not have anyone, how can you pursue this kind of relationship? What are practical steps you can take this week?
6. How can we “test our own work”? How can we keep a healthy perspective on our own spiritual life without falling into the pitfalls of pride or making our works the basis for our relationship with God?
7. Are you regularly giving to the church? (*Leaders: be sensitive with this question, it can be a reflective question or for general discussion*) Why or why not? How does our giving show what our hearts value? Beyond money, how do we practically show the love of God in our church?

PRAYING & SHARING

1. How can you share what you have learned with... another believer? An unbeliever?
2. Share and pray for one another in your life group. How can you specifically pray for and encourage one another in response to this text?



How to Use this Guide

This guide is intended to help facilitate Promontory Small Groups as they meet to understand the Bible passage, discuss the sermon, and how to put it into practice in our lives. What is contained in this guide is not an exhaustive text analysis nor a full list of questions that can or should be asked during Small Group. This is simply a guide to help **start conversations that are centered on the Word of God.**

The Small Group Guide is separated into three main sections that are arranged with an intentional order: *Understanding the Word*, *Reflecting on the Sermon*, and *Applying the Point*. We want to first understand the Word of God, and then check that understanding by what has been preached, and then discuss how to put it into practice in our own lives. The order is intended to imitate the process of how the Word of God makes changes in our lives. Head, heart, hands, and all of it wrapped in prayer.

Our goal is not that you answer every question in this guide, but that you are able to discuss the Word of God in a way **that helps everyone follow Jesus together!**

*“Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.” - Psalm 111:2*