

Family Matters

Families Carry Burdens Together– 3/1 Talk

Don't feel like you have to go through everything that is written! If your group needs to spend more time on one part, feel free to do that. Make sure you take time at the beginning to welcome any new people or guests and don't assume that everyone knows everyone. Give them a chance to introduce themselves and to share a little about what is happening in their lives.

- Did anything from the talk stand out to you this week?
- Read Galatians 6:1-10
 - What is our reaction when someone is caught in a transgression? (Verse 1)
 - How can we restore someone?
 - Why does he say to restore “with a spirit of gentleness?”
 - The word “restore” in the Greek is used of a dislocated limb and speaks to the tenderness with which we should treat a fallen member of the church, restoring him/her to a better state.
 - Why are we to keep watch ourselves?
 - Burdens – literally means weights. (Verse 2)
 - What are some of the weights or burdens that we carry?
 - What is the “law of Christ?”
 - Love – Galatians 5:14 *“For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*
 - The church in Galatia desired to observe the law, so Paul's challenge here is to fulfill the law of Christ which is to love like Jesus.
 - How do we fulfill the law of Christ?
 - Why is it dangerous to think that you are more than you are? (Verse 3)
 - How can this hinder the family of Public Church?
 - How can we overcome thinking we are more than we really are? (Verse 4)
 - Test our own works – What is our motivation?
 - Bear our own load/burdens (Verse 5)
 - Feel the load/burden of our own sin.

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- How can we mock God? (Verse 7)
 - Worship without thinking on what we are singing.
 - Serving out of a desire to be seen, impure motives.
 - Attending community group or serving out of obligation.
- How can Verse 7 be used in a negative context?
 - We find joy when other people suffer as a result of their sin.
- Why is it easy to grow weary of doing good? (Verse 9)
 - We are doing good in our own strength.
 - We are doing good without the support of family.
- When is “in due season?”
 - God’s timing
 - Why is it hard to wait for God’s timing?
 - How can family support one another when waiting?
- When is our opportunity to do good? (Verse 10)
 - Now!
 - Why don’t we take advantage of the opportunity?
 - Lack of desire.
 - We are not always looking for the opportunity to do good.