

Small Group Guide 17

Restoring a Fallen Brother

Galatians 6:1–10 (ESV)

¹ Brothers, 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. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵ For each will have to bear his own load. ⁶ Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For 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. ⁹ And 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.

OUTLINE

1. The Problem
2. The Preparation
 - a. Go for Restoration
 - b. Go in Self-Examination
 - c. Go in Humiliation
 - d. Go in Fulfillment
 - e. Go to the Word
3. The Purpose
 - a. The Lord of the Harvest will not be Mocked
 - b. The Laws of the Harvest will not be Modified

Question for Reflection and Application

1. How Important is self-examination? What is the danger if it is not practiced in our relationships with others? How often do you practice it?
2. A Church is a Faith Family and as individual members of the whole we must do life together to guard and help each other with burdens. What opportunities has God given you to carry another's burden? How can you find more opportunities? How can you get help with your own personal burdens?
3. We live in light of the Gospel. Therefore, how liberating is it to know that you will only answer for your own load, and not how you lived compared to others?