

Galatians 6:1-10 “ The key to spiritual maturity”

Discussion guide 11.25.18

Have an honest conversation with your group about what spiritual stage each of you think you are at and why.

Spiritual Stage	
Dead	Unbelieving Rebellious
Infant	Ignorant, Confused Dependent
Child	Self-centered, self-absorbed Idealistic, prideful Low view of self, interdependent
Young Adult	Action, service-oriented Zealous, God-centered Mission-minded but incomplete understanding Independent
Parent	Intentional, strategic, multiplier Self-feeding, mission-minded, team Dependable

Why is it important to assess your current location (current spiritual stage) before you clarify your destination (spiritual maturity)?

(If you never placed your faith in Christ you're spiritually dead and therefore cannot grow spiritually until you recognize your need for a savior and trust Christ as Lord and savior of your life).

Read Galatians 6:1-10 (read aloud twice)

Answer the following questions.

Restoration: (Verses 1&2)

We know that believers are called to restore a fellow believer who has fallen into a sin pattern.

Why?

Have you ever had to restore someone gently who was stuck in sin? What was that experience like?

Have you ever been the one restored?

Practically speaking, what does it look like to restore someone gently with humility?

Works: (Verses 3-5)

Since our salvation is by grace through faith in Christ alone," carrying your own load" means stewarding God's gifts and responsibilities He has given you to manage in a God glorifying way. What are some of the responsibilities and gifts God has given you?

How have you seen God reward you on earth by managing responsibilities God's way?

Fellowship: (Verses 6-10)

These verses talk about supporting pastors and sowing for eternity rather than for the temporal.

What does it look like for you personally to support pastors and vocational missionaries?

How can humbly sharing our time, talent, and treasure with the body of believers cause us to grow spiritually?

What are some ways you grow tired of doing good? Why should we not give up?

What is one way our community group can do good to someone this week who is not a believer? (Maybe someone has a neighbor who doesn't know Christ who is going through a trial like cancer, divorce, death in the family.) Talk about ways your group could potentially serve or care for that person.

REACH OUT:

Challenge group members if there is someone they could invite to the group who would benefit from your community. (could be a believer or not-yet- believer)

PRAYER:

Spend some time in prayer concerning the spiritual growth of believers at Bethel that God would use us for Maximum Kingdom Impact in our community.

Prayer for one another.

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