

Galatians 5:26-6:18

D-Group Study Guide

1. In 5:26 Paul is clear about how believers are *not* to treat one another. Instead, how should we treat struggling brothers and sisters (v. 1)? How is this an evidence that one is living by the Spirit?
2. What is the law of Christ that Paul refers to in v. 2? How is carrying one another's burdens the fulfillment of that law?
3. Legalism (the trusting of our performance/obedience as the cause of our justification before God) tends to deal harshly and judgmentally with those who get caught up in sin). How does this relate to Paul's warning in v. 3? Briefly discuss how Jesus' prayer of the Pharisee and the tax collector in Luke 18:9-14 relates to Paul's warning here.
4. How does the principle of sowing and reaping, with regard to flesh and the Spirit, play out in the believer's life? With this principle in mind, what is the motivation to keep on doing good despite spiritual weariness?
5. The false teachers in the Galatian churches were boasting because of the "converts" to outward practices (circumcision) they were making. What is the only real and acceptable grounds of boasting for the believer (v. 14)? Why does the cross exclude all other grounds of boasting?
6. How does the cross change our relationship to the world (v. 14b)?
7. For you, personally, what are the most meaningful take-a-ways from Paul's letter to the Galatian churches?