

¹ Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. ² Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. ³ If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.

⁴ Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. ⁵ For we are each responsible for our own conduct.

⁶ Those who are taught the word of God should provide for their teachers, sharing all good things with them.

⁷ Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. ⁸ Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

— *Galatians 6:1-10*

Discussion/Journal Questions

Would you rather be known for your intelligence or for your kindness?

Would you rather grow your own vegetables or hunt your own meat?

Would you rather be confronted by a friend about a mistake or be the one doing the confronting?

Have two or three people read Galatians 6:1-10 out loud slowly. After some time of reflection, ask each other what words, phrases, or ideas stand out to everyone. What questions come to mind as you meditate on this scripture?

How do these verses in Galatians 6 expand on the point made in Galatians 5:16-26?

What does the harvest of the sinful nature look like? Where do you see this happening in your life or in our culture?

What does Paul say about the harvest of the Spirit in verses 8-9?

In the sermon, what does John say are the four markers of a heart-focused community?

Whose responsibility is it to sow and tend in order to reap this kind of community?

What is the Holy Spirit calling you to do in light of this passage in Galatians?

How can you pray for those in your community?