

SESSION 6 | GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS THE GOSPEL & OTHERS - FINDING LIFE-CHANGING COMMUNITY

GET STARTED

- What are some defining characteristics and/or traditions that are unique to your family? How do these things show that you are a part of your family?
- What is an area of life (career, health, activity/hobby, etc.) where you've grown significantly over time. What did you do to pursue that growth?

TAKE IT IN

• Watch Session 6: The Gospel & Others at *mynorthside.com/galatians*. What encouraged or challenged you from the video and/or daily study guide this week?

TALK IT OVER

Read Galatians 6:1-10

- Paul begins this section with the phrase "brothers and sisters" (v.1) and ends it with "family of believers" (v.10). How do these phrases shape your understanding of church community and Christian life? How have you experienced the family-like nature of life in Christ? In what ways is this evident in your church?
- One thing is for certain, we will all stumble and fall as we follow Jesus. The good news–God offers grace. Also, we are called to surround ourselves with believers to help encourage and restore us when we fall down. Have you ever had someone confront you about something you shouldn't be doing? How did you respond to it? Have you ever confronted someone else? How did it go?
- Burdens (v.2) can be summed up with the responsibilities, problems, and difficulties life brings. Carrying burdens means supporting, helping carry the weight, and serving one another humbly in love (Galatians 5:13-14). What burdens have others helped you carry, and how did their love/service affect you? As a group, what does it look like to help carry each other's burdens?

- The implication of verse 3 is that if we are unwilling to carry each other's burdens, then it is because we think we are above it. How can our own pride and self-importance be the biggest hindrance to a servant's heart?
- Take another look at Galatians 6:9-10. What could cause us to become weary of doing good? What encourages you to continue to stay the course and not give up? Looking out into this week, where do you have an opportunity to do good?

Read Galatians 6:11-18

- Verse 14 might just sum up the whole letter to the Galatians. What does it mean to boast in the cross? What does this look like every day? How does Paul say the cross should affect your view of the world?
- Pauls ends his letter to the Galatians having reinforced his apostleship and, more importantly, the Gospel. He has called the Galatians to align with the Gospel, to seek approval only from God, to find freedom in grace, form their identity as sons and daughters, allow the Holy Spirit to produce fruit, and live in community. Finally, he offers thanksgiving and encouragement for the spiritual journey ahead. What are some specific things you are grateful for in your faith journey?
- Take a moment to reflect on the *Galatians: Bigger, Bolder, Better* study. What did you learn about God, the Gospel, humanity, and yourself? What has been your greatest takeaway from this study through Galatians?

LIVE IT OUT

Community is an essential piece to continue growing in our faith. It's an environment that helps us cultivate the fruit of the Spirit and live it out. How has God worked through community to help you grow in your faith during the *Galatians: Bigger, Bolder, Better* study? What are your next steps to continue growing in the community?

Daily Bible Study: Throughout the *Galatians: Bigger, Bolder, Better* study, you have spent 30 minutes each day completing the daily study guide. As this study comes to an end, **how will you continue to make time in God's Word a regular part of your life?** While there are many options to continue this spiritual habit, we recommend selecting another book of the Bible and to continue using the POST Bible study method.

Memorize: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

– Galatians 6:14