Deep Roots | Galatians 6:1-18 May 25th & 26th, 2024

My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion.

- 1) Tell about an early childhood friendship.
- 2) Who is one of your best friends now?

Study Questions

Complete these questions for your own personal preparation to lead, but choose only some to discuss.

Big idea: Living Gospel-centered is a Relationally Connected life

Warm up: 1) What are the advantages to and responsibilities of being part of a family? a Church?

2) What was your experience with the spiritual practices from Live it Out last week?

Read Galatians 6:1-10

Principle: #1 Living Relationally Connected requires mutual accountability.

- 1) What commands stand out to you in these verses? Which do you think are most difficult?
- 2) Is it generally easier for you to give help or receive help (mutual accountability requires both)? How does each require a cost?
- 3) The "spiritual" restore others. Who are the "spiritual"? What does this mean as a spouse, a parent, a friend?
- 4) How is restoring another an act of love? What cautions would you give?
- 5) We are warned to keep watch on ourselves and not be deceived. How often do you ask God to search your heart to reveal hidden transgressions? (See Ps 139:23-24)
- 6) How does comparing ourselves with others lead to deception?
- 7) Tell of a time when another believer stepped in to help you see a blind spot or bear a burden. How did that impact you?
- 8) Encouraging other people is sowing to please the Spirit. What are we promised if we do not give up? How does this help you persevere in building relationships? When have you been tempted to cut and run?

Read Galatians 6:11-18 Paul's conclusion

Principle #2 Living Gospel-centered is based on being a new creation in Christ

- 9) Which of these verses would you choose as a summary for the letter? Why?
- 10) Paul says the only thing to boast about is the cross of Christ. Why is that central to being a new creation?
- 11) How does seeing yourself as a new creation change your attitude toward serving God and loving others? (2 Corinthians 5:17-20)
- 12) Paul says he is now crucified to himself and the world. How does that describe you? (Gal 2:20)

Responding to Jesus

Offer one of these for personal reflection before your group prayer time. Practice listening for God's voice.

- 1) Ask Jesus, "Who has a weight that you would like me to help carry?"
- 2) Ask Jesus, "Who would you like me to call upon to help carry my weight?"