

Sermon Questions for Life Groups

A Gospel Warning about Sowing & Reaping

Galatians 6:6-10

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*These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions
or family or personal devotions*

1. What is the general principle of life that Paul identifies in these verses, particularly in verse 7? What are some examples where this principle is found to be true?
2. Also from verse 7, what is self-deception? Study the verses below to summarize what mechanisms are involved in deceiving oneself.
 - a. James 1: 22-25
 - b. James 4:17
 - c. II Timothy 4:3
 - d. I John 1:6
 - e. I John 2:4
 - f. Proverbs 28:13
 - g. II Corinthians 13:5
3. In what ways is 6:6 relevant and applicable to you as a member or regular attendee of West Highland?
4. What does it mean to “sow to please the flesh”? In what ways can we “sow to please the Spirit”? Read Romans 12:2; very simple and direct, but how can we as people immersed in the throes of everyday living be able to practically transform our minds?
5. In reference to Pastor John’s statement concerning the ‘permanence of one’s early life’, look at this well known adage and consider its meaning: “Sow a thought, reap an act; Sow an act, reap a habit; Sow a habit, reap a character; Sow a character, reap a destiny.” Can you think of any instances where what you learned or developed as a young person is still an integral part of your character today?
6. One of the ways we sow to please the Spirit is by doing good – being involved in ministry to other people. In what ways are you doing good to others, especially to other believers in Christ? In what ways should you be doing good to benefit others? How is God speaking to you about getting involved in ministering to others?

7. Are there areas in which you find yourself growing “weary in doing good”? Why is this so? What can you put into place in your life so that this doesn’t happen?
8. When we grow discouraged in serving what promise/encouragement can we cling to in this passage?
9. Think of your life and how you have sown. Have you had some bumper crops? If not , what has caused your harvest to be poor? What are you doing to improve the yield?
10. What are the opportunities in your life to sow seed? How can we overcome our expectations of instantaneous results and hang in for the long haul? What will be the cornerstone of your perseverance?
11. Read Proverbs 22:6 and consider how this passage applies to the work of our children's ministry at West Highland? How are you involved in this strategic aspect of our church's mission?