

Sermon Questions for Life Groups

Living Out the Gospel with Others

Galatians 5:26-6:5

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

1. Pastor John implored us to preach the Gospel to ourselves every day! As you think through the facts of the Gospel, why would this be important and how should it affect our behaviour and outlook? What are some practical ways of achieving this?
2. In this passage, Paul deals with some of the practical and relational implications of what he has just said in Galatians 5:16-25. What is the effect of “walking by the Spirit” in the realm of social relationships? Make a list of what you find in the passage, and test your own relationship with fellow Christians by it.
3. “Living out the gospel with others means being free of conceit.” What first comes to mind when you hear the word ‘conceit’? Discuss how envying others can be considered a form of conceit?
4. What are some of the evidences of conceit? Consider how you can avoid the trap of conceit, when there are pressures around you in the workplace and community to revel in this vain glory.
5. Read Galatians 5:3-4, how do we ‘test’ ourselves to ensure we are not possibly falling into the temptation of pride and conceit?
6. What does Paul mean by “you who are spiritual” in verse 1? Does this have anything to do with “walking in the Spirit? What warning does Paul give here to the “spiritual”?
7. What do you think Paul means by ”the law of Christ’? How does carrying someone else’s burden fulfill Christ’s law?
8. Galatians 6:1 is actually an example of what it means to bear the burden of another. What are other ways or examples of how we can carry someone’s burden?

9. In reading Galatians 6:2 and 6:5, how do you reconcile these two verses that appear to be saying different things?

10. One of the takeaway questions is ‘would you welcome someone pointing out a sinful pattern in your life and offering to help you overcome it’? How do you answer and why? What are the prerequisites (if any) for the person who is pointing out your sinful pattern?

11. Read James 5:16 and consider how your group does with this admonition. Are you open and transparent, or is there some reservation within your community? Consider the obstacles in meeting this challenge.

Read the words of our closing hymn and share how the lyrics spoke to you in regard to Sunday's message:

How Good It Is

“Oh how good it is
 When the family of God
 Dwells together in spirit
 In faith and unity.
 Where the bonds of peace,
 Of acceptance and love
 Are the fruit of His presence
 Here among us.

CHORUS
 So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
 And with one heart we'll live out His word
 Till the whole earth sees
 The Redeemer has come
 For He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh how good it is
 On this journey we share

To rejoice with the happy
 And weep with those who mourn.
 For the weak find strength
 The afflicted find grace
 When we offer the blessing
 Of belonging.

CHORUS

Oh how good it is
 To embrace His command
 To prefer one another
 Forgive as He forgives.
 When we live as one
 We all share in the love
 Of the Son with the Father
 And the Spirit.

CHORUS”