

STUDY GUIDE



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[start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:
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[set up]

Share about a time when God used someone to help walk you through a dark time.

[digging deeper]

Read Gal 5:25-6:10.

This last weekend at church we were shown how we have been liberated from the grip of sin to walk by the Spirit...TOGETHER.

Although God is fully capable of bearing all our burdens by Himself alone, why does He significantly use human friendship and community in the bearing of burdens?

When you look at the context of Galatians 6:1-2, what burdens are we to bear for each other?

Why is this typically difficult for us? Why do we find ourselves having more compassion for a trapped animal than a person who has been overtaken by sin? How do the Gospel and the Holy Spirit of God change that in us?

Point out the verses in this passage of Galatians that are related to pride and arrogance.

- What is being taught regarding conceit/envy and pride/humility?
- What are the benefits of humility seen here?
- What is damaging about pride?

Look up this link which gives us many verses on pride. Everyone take a couple minutes to scan through them and find a verse that strongly supports what we are seeing here in Galatians.

<https://www.openbible.info/topics/pride>

This section of verses in Galatians shows us that part of God's plan for us is to walk by the Spirit in community, so how do we process Galatians 6:4-5 which seems like an abrupt change? How is it actually a compliment to what is being taught not a contradiction?

We are told here to sow to the Spirit not the flesh. You grow what you sow. As a LifeGroup, brainstorm (even write down on a large post it) the following...

- A- Ways we can sow to the flesh
- B- Ways we can sow to the Spirit

Now go over this list and each person take 30 seconds to share which way of sowing to the Spirit gives them the most life and which way of sowing to the flesh they are most vulnerable to.

Now go over the list of ways you can sow to the Spirit and tweak it a bit for community application by filling in the blank for each word/phrase listed: "WE can do this as a church by _____."

How does being an active and faithful member of a LifeGroup help us live this out?
How does church membership help us live this out?

[living it out]

We are told to do good to all people (for us at CVC, we think in terms of living as missionaries and LifeHouses) but especially to the household of faith—our fellow Christians. How can we as a LifeGroup live this out even stronger than we are now? What needs to happen in this group to live this out more faithfully and consistently?

What will happen to this group if we do this and—for the glory of Christ—will we commit to doing it?

[end with prayer]

Use Galatians 5:25-6:10 as a template for your closing prayer time. Praise God for where we see this being lived out in this group and at CVC, confess to the Lord where we have been weak in this area, and ask the Lord to help us live this out more fully and faithfully as a LifeGroup and as a church. Make this a significant prayer time not a quick little closing prayer.