

## GOOD NEWS!

*Truth Has Been Found!*  
Everywhere we turn, some...

## DISCUSSION GOAL



To understand how we stay in step with the Spirit of God by engaging in Christ-centered community.

## ICE BREAKER



What was the best team you have ever been on? What made the team experience so great, and what did it teach you?

## TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

## Galatians 5:25-6:18

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup> But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup> For each will have to bear his own load.

<sup>6</sup> Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

*(Turn to Galatians 6 in the ESV bible to continue reading verses 11-18)*

## MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: Keep in step with God's Spirit.

Key Question: How do we stay in step with the Spirit?

1. Walk in Christ-centered community. (vv. 5:26-6:10)
2. Walk in Christ-centered freedom. (vv. 6:11-18)

## DISCUSSION



- What challenges have you experienced in trying to “keep in step” with others in Christian community? What beautiful things have you experienced in those situations? What unique calling and gifting does a community that keeps in step with the Spirit have to the world? See John 13:34-35.
- According to Galatians 5:25-26, how does walking by the Spirit influence the way we interact with others in our church or life group? Why do you think Paul warns believers against pride so strongly (Philippians 2:3-4 as another example)?
- What does it look like to “bear one another’s burdens” (Galatians 6:1-5; Romans 15:1-3)? Read Mark 12:30-31. How does this frame the call to live in a Christ-centered community? Why is this so difficult to accomplish?
- What does it look like to “sow to the Spirit” in our daily lives (Galatians 6:8)? How can this practice strengthen our personal spiritual growth and the health of our community?
- In Galatians 6:11-15, Paul contrasts boasting in the flesh with boasting in the cross of Christ. How can we ensure that our lives are marked by the freedom and new creation found in Christ?

## LIFE APPLICATION



What are some practical ways we can “keep in step with the Spirit” both individually and as a life group? How can we support each other in this journey, bearing each other’s burdens and living in Christ-centered community and freedom?

*Jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS




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