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WEEK 6

SCRIPTURE

GALATIANS 6 - Read the entire chapter

ACTS 2:42-44 (NIV) They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common.

1 PETER 4:8 (NIV) Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

MATTHEW 16:21-23 (NIV) From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. 22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

PHILIPPIANS 3:3 (NIV) For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh.

FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

1. Do you remember the prospector story Senior Pastor Steve Poe told? What did you notice about the parallels he made between protecting such a massive diamond and guarding our freedom in Christ?
2. Reread Galatians 6:1, then let's take a deeper dive on this verse. First, what does it mean for someone to be "caught" or "overcome" or "stuck in a pattern" of sin? Second, who should be the one attempting to restore someone struggling in sin? Third, why is "gently" the approach Paul recommends? Finally, why does he caution us to "watch ourselves" as we assist another Christian?
3. Have you ever had someone come alongside you to help overcome an area of struggle or sin? How did that go? Or have you ever been the one helping someone else? How did that go? Take a few moments to share stories with the group.

4. Senior Pastor Steve Poe said that one of the challenges of the Christian life is making time to help others out, even when it's not convenient. Why do you think so many people avoid or get annoyed with being inconvenienced? What might our community and world look like if people were more willing to be inconvenienced?
5. "You can't expect to harvest a field of holiness if you're planting a field of carnality." The old adage is true — we reap what we sow. Reread Galatians 6:7-8, then discuss different ways you could begin sowing, or continue to sow, in ways that would please the Spirit of God.
6. Galatians 6:9 encourages us to "not become weary in doing good." Why do you think it's easy to get tired of doing the right thing? And hey — who do you talk to when you feel like giving up? How could we better encourage and motivate each other when we start feeling this way?
7. Take a closer look at Galatians 6:14. First, what were people boasting about in the Galatian church? Second, what do people these days tend to boast about? Third, why does Paul encourage us to boast in nothing but the cross?
8. As you wrap up your group time, take a moment to ask if anyone in the group is currently in the middle of a struggle with sin, or dealing with a season of discouragement. Take time to pray for each other, asking that God's Spirit will strengthen and encourage us as we follow hard after him.

