SET FREE

A STUDY IN GALATIANS

Small Group Study Guide

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Galatians 6

OVERVIEW

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Warm-Up:

-In what ways do you serve at church or in your community? How has serving impacted your life?

-What might keep people from serving? What has kept you from serving now or in the past?

Read: Galatians 5:26-6:10

Discuss:

-What are some of the challenges of helping those “caught in sin” that Mike identified (v. 1)? Have you encountered any other challenges or dangers in this area?

-How is self-awareness connected to our ability to serve and help others (v. 3-4)? What role does it play in a community of believers and in our lives with God?

-What does it look like to “carry each other's burdens” (v. 2)?

- Read and respond to this excerpt from Henri Nouwen's *The Wounded Healer*: “Who can save a child from a burning house without taking the risk of being hurt by the flames? Who can listen to a story of loneliness and despair without taking the risk of experiencing similar pains in his own heart and even losing his precious peace of mind? In short: Who can take away suffering without entering it?”

-Read Matthew 11:28-30. What does Jesus teach us about carrying burdens, as well as entering the suffering of others?

-How does Galatians 6:7-9 broaden your understanding of God's justice and faithfulness?

-C.S. Lewis argues, “Aim at Heaven and you will get Earth `thrown in'; Aim at Earth and you will get neither.” Do you agree? How does eternity affect your understanding of the Christian life?

Reflect:

-What have you learned from this study of Galatians? What changes is God calling you to make in your life? Talk with your small group about how you can challenge and encourage each other to live out what you've learned.

-What have you been “Set Free” *from*? What have you been “Set Free” *for*? Hold these questions before God in prayer.