

Living Connections Bible Study

Walking in the Spirit

Freedom and Responsibility

Text: Galatians 5:25 – 6:10

Prayer

Icebreaker: What are some of the frustrations gardeners and farmers deal with in bringing a crop to harvest?

1. What kind of fruit should every believer desire in their lives? Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:8

2. What is the difference between living in the Spirit and walking in the Spirit?
Galatians 5:25; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Romans 8:11; Isaiah 30:21

3. What evidences of walking after the flesh do we find in Galatians 5:26?

4. What attitude does the *Spirit-led* believer have toward a brother or sister who has fallen into sin? Galatians 6:1

5. How does walking in the Spirit affect the way we respond when we see needs around us? Galatians 6:2; John 13:35; 1 John 3:16-18

6. What lessons does the Holy Spirit teach us about humility from Galatians 6:3-5

When verse 5 says ...*each one shall bear his own load*, this is not a contradiction to verse 2 where we are told to *bear one another's burdens*. The word for burden in verse 2 refers to the heavy burdens of life that we can all use a hand with. But the Greek word for *load* in verse 5 was used of a soldier's daypack. As Christian soldiers, Jesus asks us to deny self, take up our cross and follow Him. (Luke 9:23) Following Jesus requires a willingness to die to self, and to carry whatever load He places in our daypack each day for His glory.

7. What responsibility do *Spirit-led* believers have toward those who teach them God's Word? Galatians 6:6; 1 Corinthians 9:9-14

8. How is investing in God's Kingdom work like planting seed? And how is investing in selfish fleshly pursuits also like planting seed? And what do we have to look forward to at *harvest time* depending on where we invest our time and resources?
Galatians 6:7-8; 2 Corinthians 9:5-7

9. How can looking forward to the harvest and our rewards keep us faithful: planting the right seed, cutting out the weeds that hinder and choke the things of the Spirit, cultivating, watering, fertilizing, and nurturing the spiritual crop that is growing?
Galatians 6:9-10; Psalm 126:5-6; Hebrews 10:35-37

Think about it this week:

*Sin will take you further than you ever thought you'd stray.
Sin will keep you longer than you ever thought you'd stay.
Sin will cost you more than you ever thought you'd pay.*

This is the price I pay

*This is the price I pay, just for one riotous day,
Years of regret and grief, and sorrow without relief.
Suffered I without friends, Suffered until the end,
Until the grave shall give me relief.
Small is the thing at best. Small is the debt I thought!
But O God! The interest!
This is the price I pay. Just for one riotous day.
Years of regret and grief!*

~ by Paul Dunbar