



Small Group Questions

Galatians 6: 1-5

The Heartbeat of God... Burden Lifting

1. Can you think of a time when someone came along and really lifted a burden you found too heavy to carry? What was it like? How did you respond?
2. More specifically, (this is tougher) has there ever been a time when someone (other than your family member) confronted you with a sin in your life? What was it like? How did you respond?
3. In Galatians Paul warns against any "gospel" that suggests one needs to work for the salvation. Do a quick scan of the book. Where do you pick this up?
4. But he does say (6:2) that there is a binding law... the law of Christ. If we love people (5:14) does that save us? In what way do we "fulfill the law of Christ," by loving our neighbors?"
5. 6:1 seems to be a "ultimate scenario" of when we need to apply this "law." Spend a few minutes reviewing how the "father" restored his son in the famed "Prodigal son" story of Luke 15. Was the father "gentle" or "proud?" What did he do to restore? How was the son's burden lifted?
6. Look at the qualifications Joe gave us this week for "Burden lifters:" Spiritual, Careful, Gentle, and Responsible. Discuss what each means. What should one do if they lack any of these qualities?
7. Do you really believe we have a responsibility for each other as brothers and sisters in Christ? Is "Christian Independence" a myth to be destroyed? If so, how are you participating in silencing it?