

# LG | Leader

[Galatians 6:1-5]

## WARM-UP (10 mins)

**Prepare your mind to receive God's word. Take a moment to be silent. Pray for your mind to receive God's Word.**

After hearing the sermon from Sunday, what most resonated with you? What were the takeaways for your family as a whole?

## ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

**Open your Bibles to the primary text.**

1. Read Galatians chapter 6:1-5. Where do we find ourselves in the book of Galatians? Who is the author and who is the audience?

Paul is writing to the church in Galatia, a result of his proclamation of the gospel. The church is being infiltrated by false teachers teaching that one must be circumcised to receive salvation, rejecting the new covenant that salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ (Justification by Faith).

2. The previous chapter (Ch. 5) contains one of the most well-known passages in the Bible, what is it and how does this passage instruct chapter 6?

The book of Galatians majors on how we are to be guided by the Holy Spirit as we navigate this life. Chapter 5 highlights what it means to live in freedom, guided by the Holy Spirit, and the fruit that it produces. Chapter 5 is the backdrop for chapter 6 – it gives us a picture of what a mature “spiritual” Christian should look like.

3. What are the fruits of the Spirit? If you have children, do your children know these fruits? How can knowing these fruits help us in our daily walk?

If someone is in Christ, they have evidence of the Spirit and will produce these fruits (Gal 5:22); Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. Knowing these remind us of Christ, “for in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell” (Col. 1:19).

4. After reading our primary text, what is the responsibility of a mature Christian (one who is walking according to the Holy Spirit)? Why do you think Paul used the term gentleness specifically?

We are to restore our brothers and sisters in transgression not with judgment but with gentleness. We are to bear one another's burdens as we keep watch for the enemy. Paul uses the term gentleness as a reference back to the fruits of the Spirit; Christlike gentleness.

5. Verse 2b says, "and so fulfill the law of Christ." What does this mean? How does our context help shape our understanding of this verse?

The Jews in Galatia still had their gaze fixed on the Mosaic Law and the acts required to fulfill this law (i.e. circumcision). Many Jews were not willing to consider that Jesus Christ had abolished many aspects of the law (i.e. slaughtering a lamb for the forgiveness of sins was no more because Jesus was *the* last and final Sacrificial Lamb) and that the most important thing they could do was to uphold Jesus' moral Law (i.e. A new commandment I give to you; love one another – John 13:34).

6. Who would be willing to share the story of Moses, Joshua, and Aaron in Exodus 17? How does this story apply to this passage we are studying?

[Moses' arms grew weary as he tries to hold them up. Hur and Aaron come to his aid in his time of need. – we too are to come to the aid of our brothers and sisters in their time of need.]

7. We are surrounded by those who are hurting and broken. We are in no shortage of burdens. How would you share the gospel with someone, using this passage as a "springboard"?

"Example: John, I am so sorry you are hurting today and facing this tremendous trial. I oftentimes turn to the Bible as my compass for this life and it gives us guidance that when someone is hurting we are to bear one another's burdens as Jesus did for us when he died for our sins; How can I help you bear this burden today? How can I walk alongside you?"

## PRAY

Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.