**TALK IT THROUGH**

**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group.  For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group’s goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so use the discussion questions as you see fit, but emphasize the relationships.

 **Sermon 6-23-18 FaL Pt6 - “The ZOE Life”**

Gal 6:1-3

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.

If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.

Gal 6:6

Those who are taught the word of God should provide for their teachers, sharing all good things with them

Gal 6:7-10

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. And let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Gal 6:12-13

Those who are trying to force you to be circumcised want to look good to others. They don’t want to be persecuted for teaching that the cross of Christ alone can save. And even those who advocate circumcision don’t keep the whole law themselves. They only want you to be circumcised so they can boast about it and claim you as their disciples.

Gal 6:14-15

As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world’s interest in me has also died. It doesn’t matter whether we have been circumcised or not. What counts is whether we have been transformed into a new creation. May God’s peace and mercy be upon all who live by this principle; they are the new people of God.

Gal 6:17-18

From now on, let no one cause me trouble,

For I bear on my body the scars that show I belong to Jesus. Dear brothers and sisters, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

The life of the flesh = living for self/ or a self -centered life

The life of the Spirit = living for God and others / an others-centered life

Gal 6:7-8

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

ZOE / Grk =

life real and genuine, blessed, the absolute fulness of life which belongs to God, and through him is imparted to us both now and for eternity

The Zoe Life:

1. Takes continual inventory of seeds

The Zoe Life:

2. Invests in ministry and lives a life of generosity (Gal. 6:6)

The Zoe Life:

3. Never gives up

Gal 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up (faint). Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

The Zoe Life:

4. Restores broken people

Gal 6:1

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.

The Zoe Life:

5. Carries someone else’s burden

Gal 6:2

Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.

John 15:12

This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.

Gal 6:5

For every person will have to bear his own burden

BURDEN – BURDENS - Grk

1. FOR-TE-ON = (singular) responsibility, personal burden

2. BAROS = (plural) heaviness, burdens, and troubles

1 Pet 2:24 (Amp)

He personally carried our sins in His body on the cross, willingly offering Himself on it, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness;

**Group Discussion**:

1. Gal. 6:7-8 tells that what you plant will always come out in your life.

Think back over the last 24 hours. What seeds did you sow? Were they good seed?

1. Living life in the Spirit (Zoe life) is a life that produces life. What in your life right now is good seed, that producing eternal life? What in your life needs elimination?
2. A Zoe life invests in ministry and lives life open-handed. (6:6) What is one area in your life where you can be more open-handed? Who can you bless this week?
3. A Zoe life never gives up. (6:9) What area are you still waiting for breakthrough? Are you tempted to give up? Who is your support community that helps you keep going? Who in your life is ready to give up? How can you help bear their burden?
4. A Zoe life helps resort broken people. (6:1) We are the hands and feet of Jesus, but sometimes we write-off the toughest cases. Who in your life have you written off? Ask God to help you begin to see the “gold in that person. What would that require on your part? Share with your group.
5. A Zoe life helps carry someone else’s burden. (6:2) Pastor Dave distinguished between Forteon (our singular responsibility) and Baros (an overwhelming heaviness, burden or troubles). We each have our own responsibility that we are accountable to God for. Yet we are to share each other’s heavier burdens. How can we distinguish between someone’s personal responsibility, and a burden that’s too heavy to carry? How might this help you to determine how to share their heavy load?