



## SERMON STUDY GUIDE

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**Let's Do Some Good!**  
Galatians 6:6-10

### THINK & SHARE Questions to get your group talking

How did your parents motivate you to “do good”?

Was there ever a time when you wanted to give up on doing good to others or you became cynical about it?

### STUDY & DISCUSS Questions that invite you to dig deeper into the week's material & your own life

Read Galatians 1:6-10. What questions or thoughts do you have about this passage?

A. As a group, come up with as many ways to “do good” (serve) others as you can in 3 minutes. Just informally call out your answers as something comes into your mind. Be as creative as you can, and remember the list can be both DOs and DON'Ts. There are a lot of ways to be a blessing!

B. How is doing good connected to being generous\* and hospitable? How do these interconnected concepts play out in the life of our church? \*Remember that generosity is more than the action of giving money or doing nice things.

C. The gospel bring us into a new family of people who embrace Christ. How does doing good toward the family of God help to achieve “outreach” to a community that doesn't know Christ?

D. There is an expectation that doing good (serving) is its own reward, but in the real world, that's not always the case. There are times when serving is thankless, painful, frustrating, etc. According to Paul in Galatians 6, what should motivate us in those situations? From a practical perspective, how does that work? How do we tap into that motivation?





E. In Galatians 6:7-8 is the principle of reaping what you sow. When it comes to our spiritual life and wellbeing, we're not good at thinking about how *now* affects *later*. But we are meant to have the fullness of life in Christ now, not just in eternity later. In other words, sowing the good things of Christ—like serving others, for example—even if it's hard to do, has a purpose. It's all part of “the God life” that begins *now* and culminates in eternity with God *later*. How have you seen something you've “sown” into your life reaped later? What is in the way of you sowing service to others in your life?

## PRAY & COMMIT Questions for your breakout prayer time and challenges for the rest of your week

A. What “cup of water” have you given to someone who is laboring for the gospel (Matthew 10:42)? Think about those who are professional ministers, of course, but also those who minister as part of life. Think on this idea this week and/ talk over some ideas with your group. Commit to giving time or resources to freely bless those who embody and speak out the gospel.

B. Honestly, as human beings, we are prone to think more often of what good is done for us than what good we can do for others. Reflect this week on the goodness that Christ brought to you, undeserving as you are. Think about what holds you back from doing good to a brother or sister at church? What beliefs do you have that keep you from acting in faith?

C. Back to the principle of reaping what you sow. Is there an area of your life that you know you are following your own flesh rather than the Spirit? Be it bitterness, lust (the over-love of something other than God), hatred, gossip, greed, laziness, etc. What actionable step will you take to put a stop to this bitter harvest this week?

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