

## **Family Fellowship Week beginning: 01/11/20**

This week Robin taught us from Galatians chapter 6:1-6. In these verses Paul instructs his readers how to apply the freedom we have in Jesus to build one another up in unity, bearing one another's burdens rather than condemn one another by measuring up to the law of Moses which Paul says has no power to save. He exhorts us to fulfil the "law of Christ" which Jesus modelled in his own life for us to follow.

### **Monday**

**Read:** Galatians 6: 1-6

**Chat:** It is human nature to be competitive and to constantly measure ourselves against others. Galatians 6 tells us that we are not in a race against one another, rather we are part of a family living the Christian life together. Sin is our common enemy and when one of us sins, we are to bring them back into the family being careful not to pass judgement on them because we are no better and just as likely to fall into sin ourselves.

- Do you ever compare yourself to someone else?
- Is comparing ourselves with others a good way to discover what God thinks about us?

**Pray:** Thank God that he sent Jesus to free us from the condemnation of our sins no matter who we are simply by trusting him.

### **Tuesday**

**Read:** Galatians 6:2, Mathew 22: 34-40

**Chat:** The Galatians had begun to think that by following the Jewish law, which God had given to Moses; surely that was the way to get in God's good books.

After all, The Jewish law was God's idea. Jesus says that when we love others as much as we love ourselves, we prove our love for God. When we help others out of difficulty as if it were our own difficulty, we are in step with Jesus who made himself like us and took our sin on himself as if it was his own. We are free to carry other people's burdens because Jesus has carried ours.

- Have you ever helped someone with something even though you might get dirty?
- Have you ever been afraid to help fix someone else's mistake in case others might think it was your mistake that you were fixing?

**Pray:** Ask God to give us the courage to be willing to look foolish in order to help a brother or sister because that is what Jesus did for us and we are never too good to do what he has done.

### **Wednesday**

**Read:** Galatians 6:4, Romans 12: 3

**Chat:** Have you ever done something good that you know God would be pleased with and then felt really good about it? *(take answers/ examples)*

Pride can very quickly turn into arrogance.

This happens when we take our eyes off of Jesus and start to look at ourselves instead. We very easily take credit for what God has done by grace.

**Pray:** Thank God for making you more like Jesus and give Him all the glory.

### **Thursday:**

**Read:** Galatians 6:6

**Chat:** The Christian life is not like school where we are always trying to rise to the top of the class and impress the teacher. The goal is not to build up

knowledge to make ourselves look good. Rather, Paul has addressed the Galatians as brothers. We are all in this together and when we achieve maturity we are thankful for the generosity of our teachers and we want to help others succeed as well.

- Have you ever helped a classmate understand something ?
- Was it fun to see them understand ?

**Pray:** Thank God for people who teach us about Him. Ask Him to help us look out for others whom we can help.

**Friday:**

**Read:** Galatians 6: 1-6 from “The Message” (printed below)

*Live creatively, friends. If someone falls into sin, forgivingly restore him, saving your critical comments for yourself. You might be needing forgiveness before the day's out. Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ's law. If you think you are too good for that, you are badly deceived.*

*Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.*

*Be very sure now, you who have been trained to a self-sufficient maturity, that you enter into a generous common life with those who have trained you, sharing all the good things that you have experienced.*

**Chat:**

- What do you think it is to live creatively?
- Do you think this weeks' study could be applied to your family life?

**Pray:** Thank God that we do not need to justify ourselves to Him. Ask Him to give us the Holy Spirit to enable us to live in a way that exhibits the fruit of the spirit.

