

The Gospel transforms how we understand ourselves and therefore how we relate to others. We are empowered to put others first through self-giving love and service, just as Jesus did for us. Paul calls the Galatian church and us today to put on love in every area of our lives.

- Read Galatians 5:25-6:18

## REFLECT (10 Minutes)

How would you describe the effect of this week's sermon on you? Was there anything new or interesting that grabbed you from the teaching Sunday?

## DIG DEEPER (20-30 Minutes)

In Galatians, Paul deals with antithetical poles of legalism and license.

<u>Legalism</u> often leads to either shame or a puffed up self-esteem. Paul refers to this posture as the life of the flesh.

<u>License</u> on the other hand often leads to self-indulgence or self-gratification. Paul also refers to this posture as the life of the flesh.

Which of these postures do you find yourself operating in most often?

The life of the flesh is at odds or in conflict with genuine self-giving love. What aspect of the flesh would you identify as do most troubling in your life? Alternatively, how do you think life in the spirit could replace this aspect of the flesh?

Read Galatians 6:7-8. For better or for worse, talk about some of the ways you have sowed seed in your life that has produced a harvest? (Be it the flesh or the spirit).

Read Galatians 6:14-15 What do you think this verse means? What do you think this verse would look like if lived out through your particular life and circumstances? If need be, pick just one area.

Read Galatians 6:16. In what ways have you experienced peace or wholeness in your life from following the rhythm of Jesus?

# RESPOND (10-15 Minutes)

Pastor Matt shared the story of Palm Sunday from Luke 19 to close his sermon. Was there anything new that you noticed or stood out to you from this telling? How do you think that new idea might produce something new in your life? Or, how do you think this could change you?

## PRAY (10 Minutes)

Take some time to pray for one another. Pray that God would shape your mind, your heart, and your life by the Gospel. Pray that the Gospel (the good news of Jesus alone) would become more clear to you through this sermon series and that as it becomes more clear it would shape and form your life more fully.

#### LEADER NOTES

These questions are a guide; feel free to use/exclude ones as people may have already answered the question or talked about the theme OR if your group takes a long time to tackle one particular theme it's ok to skip over questions in the interest of time/focus.