



Sermon Discussion Questions

Galatians 6:1-5 // The Messiah's Law

- Have you ever been in a situation where a group of people had to decide who belonged in the group and who didn't? How did you make that decision?
- How do situations like that come up in the church?
- In Galatians 6:1-5, Paul is answering the question "what do you do with people who can't or won't or don't live by the Spirit?" What's his answer?
- How have you seen that answer worked out in your church experience? Has it been done well? Poorly?
- What does Paul mean by "you who are spiritual?"
- What's the difference between restoration and punishment? Between restoration and excommunication? When is excommunication the appropriate response?
- What's the importance of Paul emphasizing "spirit of gentleness" (6:1)?
- What dangers are present for the one who is doing the restoration? Do those dangers mean it's wiser to not engage in restorative work?
- What does Paul mean by "bear one another's burdens," in this specific context (6:2)? In what ways does it apply more broadly?

- How does “bearing one another’s burdens” fulfill the “law” of Christ? What does Paul mean here by “law”?
- What’s the balance between “bearing one another’s burdens” (6:2) and “each will have to bear his own load” (6:5)? How does that balance work itself out in the church?
- Pastor Joey said Paul’s main point is “In this family, no one walks alone.” What did he mean by that? How do you apply that?
- Pastor Joey used an analogy from running a race to illustrate this point. Was that analogy helpful? How does that analogy map onto the life of the church?
- How are you involved in deeper community at Faith, living out the admonition to walk with others?

