



Series: Thriving in Grace
Passage: Galatians 6:1-9
Title: The Power of Sowing and Reaping
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Discussion Starter – Have you ever changed a fundamental behavior, (quit smoking, changed eating habits, trained for a marathon...)? Did lasting change come about suddenly via an external event, or grew over time from a series of good choices? Or perhaps was it a little bit of both?

Read Galatians 6:1-5

1. The “works of the flesh” seem to be self-focused, while the fruits of the Spirit require a community to reach their full expression. How can those overtaken in trespass be restored? Why is a Spirit-led community a necessary environment for effective restoration?
2. Why are bad behaviors to be corrected and individuals restored? How is the community affected when bad behaviors go unchecked?
 - a. What is God’s heart toward a lost and wandering flock, (Ezekiel 34:15-16)? How can we share in God’s motivation and heart for those in our community?
3. Why does Paul elevate “bearing one-another’s burdens” to the status of fulfilling Christ’s law? How does this simple statement relate to the Sermon on the Mount, (Matthew 5-7)?
 - b. How does your close commitment to others in your immediate network of believers reflect your commitment to Christ? What steps can you take to better fulfill this exhortation?
4. How are believers self-deceived, (verse 3-4)? What means has God provided us to avoid self-deception, (James 1:22-27)?

Read Galatians 6:6

5. Paul has outlined how we can support a sinning brother and a burdened brother. How can we support a teaching brother?
6. How might the cautions of verses 1-5 be applied to the exhortation in verse 6?

Read Galatians 6:7-9

7. Describe in your own words what it means to sow to the flesh compared to sowing to the spirit? What behaviors are implied in verse 8?
8. How does an accurate understanding of the spiritual principle of sowing and reaping affect your daily choices?
 - c. Review your use of your time over the past week. What outcomes, (life or corruption) do you expect to see in your life because of these choices?
 - d. What concrete steps can you take this week to “sow to the spirit”? (10 were suggested in the message)
9. What can we expect to reap if we do not lose heart (verse 9) and when can we expect to reap it?
10. What quantity of crop does the bible promise to return for faithful sowing of our time and talents?