

# † FREEDOM

A NINE-PART SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 9 (November 30-December 6) **GOOD SEED, GOOD FRUIT, GOOD HARVEST**

### **WELCOME.**

### **WORSHIP.**

**Sing:** *TRUST IN GOD (Elevation Worship)*

### **WORD.**

**Introduction:** The Christian life is not lived in isolation but in community, where believers are called to support and encourage one another in love, examining our own work, and persevering in doing good. This involves bearing each other's burdens, holding each other accountable, and spurring one another on towards spiritual maturity.

**Scripture:** GALATIANS 5:1-26

#### **Dig Deep into God's Word:**

1. What warning about sin do strong Christians need to heed? (6:1) and how should Christians support each other? (6:2)
2. What is the law of Christ? (6:2) and what is the antidote to self-deception? (6:3-4)
3. How is carrying one's own load different from bearing the burdens of others? (6:5)
4. What is the responsibility of church members toward their teaching elders? (6:6)
5. What is the connection between sowing and reaping in the Christian life? What encouragement does Paul give regarding persevering in doing good? (6:7-9)
6. What did Paul say about a Christian's social responsibility? (6:10)
7. What do the legalistic people usually boast about? (6:13) What was Paul's only boast? (6:14)
8. How did Paul and the legalists view the cross of Christ differently? (6:14)

### **WORK.**

#### **Apply God's Word:**

1. How does the cross of Christ challenge our pride and self-reliance?
2. What is the "new creation" that Paul refers to?
3. What are the marks of a life transformed by grace?
4. What is the significance of Paul writing the final verses of Galatians in his own handwriting?

5. What opportunities has God given you to carry another's burdens?
6. How can you help a member of our church this week with a particular burden he or she has?