

Grow Not Weary

Galatians 6:7–10

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Text:	Galatians 6:7–10 (ESV)

Purpose of This Guide

The sermon had two anchor points: **(1) We will reap what we sow (vv. 7–8)**, and **(2) We will reap in due season (vv. 9–10)**. The central exhortation is this: *Do not grow weary of doing good*. Use this guide not as a script but as a map — know where you're headed, but let the group guide the conversation.

Key Text — Galatians 6:7–10 (ESV)

"Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

Leader's Big Idea to Keep in Front of You:

Paul gives two guarantees to strengthen our resolve: We reap what we sow, and we reap *in due season*. The goal of your discussion is to help group members name where they are tempted to grow weary — and to leave encouraged, grounded in these two promises.

Part 1: Opening Questions

SERMON REFLECTION

1. Have you ever planted something and had to wait a long time before you saw any results? What was that like — did you almost give up?
2. Think about a time when you worked really hard at something — a relationship, a job, a habit — and it felt like nothing was changing. What kept you going, or what caused you to quit?
3. The preacher opened by saying, "The Christian life is one of endurance." Does that resonate with your experience? What makes faithfulness feel hard sometimes?

Part 2: Study Questions (Engaging the Text)

SECTION A: WE WILL REAP WHAT WE SOW (VV. 7–8)

4. Paul opens with a warning: "Do not be deceived. God is not mocked." Why do you think he frames a seemingly obvious principle — you reap what you sow — with such a strong warning? What does this tell us about human nature?
5. Paul distinguishes between "sowing to the flesh" and "sowing to the Spirit." In Galatians 5:19–23, he gives us concrete lists. Looking at both lists — the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit — what does it look like in ordinary, daily life to "sow" to each?

6. The sermon described the flesh as "the sinful desire to put your own Self on the throne of life — a reality Christians still struggle against." How does this definition change the way you think about the word "flesh"? Does it feel personally relevant?

7. What is Paul saying the stakes are? What does "corruption" mean in v. 8, and why is it so serious?

SECTION B: WE WILL REAP IN DUE SEASON (VV. 9–10)

8. Paul says "in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." What is the "due season" he's referring to? Why does the timing matter for how we understand the promise?

9. The sermon described "doing good" as much broader than delivering meals or meeting physical needs. It includes everything produced by "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." How does this broader definition change what you think of as "doing good" in your daily life?

10. The preacher offered six diagnostic signs that someone may be growing weary of doing good. They included: being high in criticism but low in participation, being embittered by others' failures, neglecting to resolve conflict, evaluating church primarily through a "me" lens, and feeling that serving and giving are joyless burdens. Which of these do you think is most common in church communities — and why?

Part 3: Personal Reflection

Living It Out

11. Be honest with yourself: In what area of your life are you most tempted to grow weary of doing good right now? Is it in your family? Your church involvement? Your witness to a neighbor or coworker? Your private devotional life? Did something during the sermon come to mind for you?

12. The sermon said that when we grow weary and don't acknowledge it — don't talk with anyone about it, don't bring it to Scripture, don't ask for help — we end up "plowing the field for enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, and division." Is there someone in this group, or in your life, you need to talk to about your weariness this week?

13. Paul says in v. 10: "as we have opportunity, let us do good." The sermon noted that opportunities can be planned or spontaneous. What is one specific opportunity to do good — to someone inside the church (the "household of faith") or one outside — that you could act on before you meet again next week?

14. The sermon's two guarantees are: (1) We will reap what we sow, and (2) We will reap in due season. Which of these two promises do you need most to hold onto right now — and why?

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

— Galatians 6:9 (ESV)