



## GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS Spring Quarter - Lesson 3 - Week of April 27, 2025

### Lesson: LIVING A GRACE-FILLED LIFE

**Bible Verses:** Galatians 6:1-18; Psalm 84:10-12; Luke 2:39-40; Acts 13:42-43; James 4:4-7

#### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What smell, image, or sound triggers nostalgia for you?
2. Do you like the person you are today?

#### DISCUSSION

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." - Galatians 6:2

**Grace-filled:** Being covered with unmerited favor, kindness, and compassion. Brother Rufus Martin, Jr., was an example of a person who lived a grace-filled life. He was consistently kind and full of compassion for everyone he met.

**Reflection:** Christians tend to shy away from confronting one another, but the Bible calls us to hold each other accountable. What has been your experience in this area?

**Situation:** Read Galatians 6:1-18. Paul concludes his letter to the Galatian churches by showing that when people try to live by the law, it prompts them to compare and compete. However, when they embrace grace, it results in becoming a compassionate spiritual family. Are you quick to demonstrate grace, kindness, and compassion towards others? Or do you struggle when it comes to extending grace? Paul calls on Christians to evaluate their actions to see what type of "seed" they are sowing - a seed that will produce the "fruit of the flesh" or the "fruit of the spirit." His parting counsel to the Galatians is for them to stop worrying about how others live and live like the new grace-filled people they are. What would happen in the congregation if we all lived more extraordinary, grace-filled lives?

1. What is the correct response when a fellow believer succumbs to temptation?
2. How can you decide whether it is appropriate to confront another person in love?
3. Why is conceit so dangerous? How do people deceive themselves by being conceited?
4. How would you describe the spiritual law that "a man reaps what he sows" (verse 7)?
5. Why should believers in Christ "never grow weary" in doing good?
6. What does Paul say are the true motives of those false teachers who wanted the Galatian believers to adopt Jewish practices like circumcision?

**Inspiration:** Take a moment to reflect on your past. Now, ask yourself a few questions. How do your prayers today compare to what they were then? How about your giving? Have both the amount and the joy increased? Can you tell that you have grown? What about Bible Study? Are you learning to learn? Remember Hebrews 6:1, "Let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity...."

Be careful if you are the same Christian you were a year ago. It is challenging to live a grace-filled life if you are not growing. Read 1 Peter 2:2 and 2 Peter 3:18. Growth is the goal of a Christian, and maturity is mandatory. When Christians stop growing, they need God's help and the help of other Christians.

1. Paul says to "carry each other's burdens" (Galatian 6:2) even as each person "should carry their own load" (verse 5). What is the difference?
2. How do you stay motivated to keep loving and serving others, especially when you do not feel like being kind to others?

### **Ways to Live a Grace-Filled Life**

1. Be positive.
2. Be real.
3. Be truthful.
4. Be good, humble, and kind.
5. Carry yourself properly.
6. Keep learning good things.
7. Look for good motives.
8. Take time for yourself.

**Life Lessons:** Paul summarizes his message to the Galatians in verse 15 (NCV): "It is not important if a man is circumcised or uncircumcised. The important thing is being the new people God has made." Today, there is the temptation to fall back into a rule-keeping mindset. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. We live by grace. We grow by following the leading of God's Spirit, who lives in us.

**Devotion:** Father, we want so much to know your grace, to walk in it, be changed by it, and to share it with others. Keep us from being conceited.

**Journaling:** Paul concludes by saying in verse 17, "I have scars on my body that show I belong to Christ Jesus." What evidence do you have from your life that shows you belong to Jesus?