



House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on October 18, 2020

Sermon: Reaping and Sowing
Text: Galatians 6:7-10

Gathering Guidelines

-Watch Pastor Brian's intro video for this week.

Take some time to worship

Play a worship song. Pray to Jesus. Be in His presence.

Read

Galatians 6:7-10

Discussion Questions

We all have ideas about how to live our lives. We know that we need to get jobs so we can make our way in the world. We know that we need to treat people with respect and we can't just do anything we want because of laws and some restrictions that are put upon us for normal living.

But have we really learned what it means to live *spiritual* lives? Have we grown into followers of Jesus that have upper most in our minds doing the things God wants us to do in order to sow spiritual seeds and reap spiritual harvests?

This passage in Galatians talks to us about reaping and sowing and we are here to ask God to help us to grow in our understanding and in our service to God.

In verse 8 we get a clear view of sowing and reaping in terms of salvation (destruction and eternal life), which has a view to the end of our lives here on

earth. But in verse 9 and 10 we read about how we are to live in our daily lives as well: “Let us do good to all people. . .”

Question #1:

Sometimes we can fall into the trap of thinking that daily life is separate from spiritual life with Jesus. Galatians 6:8 says “Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction. . .”

“Flesh” here means “physical body” (in the Greek *sarx*). Living with the intent to please our bodies can mean sexual things, but it can also mean pursuing pleasure in things that are normal in our everyday lives. . .the things and places that our bodies are involved in. This doesn’t mean that God doesn’t want us to enjoy normal life, but He does ask the question: ‘are you living with Me as your priority or living for yourself?’

How would you answer this question? (As you do remember Romans 8:1-2)

Question #2:

Our passage says: “. . .whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

We can make the choice to live our lives in a way that pleases the Spirit. The question is this: Can you think of one thing that you really like to do in your life? (Everyone should try and name one thing. . .)
The second part of this question is this: Can you think of how you can do this thing you like in a way that would please the Spirit?

Question #3:

If we want to sow spiritual seed then we need to know what that seed looks like.

One excellent way to sow spiritual seed is to do what Scripture says.

Read James 1:22-25 and talk about what it means to do what scripture says.

Ask yourself this question: “Can I really just read about things I should do and just do them? What would my life look like if I did the things I read about in the Bible?”

Question #4:

Read Luke 11:1-13 where Jesus is teaching his disciples about prayer.

In verses 1-4 He shows them how to pray.

And then as part of His teaching about prayer in verses 5-8 He shares a story about a bold friend who asks something pretty audacious.

Then in verses 9-10 He explains that asking God, seeking after God, and knocking on doors leading to God, are excellent ways to pray and that results occur.

Then He finishes His teaching on prayer in verses 11-13 saying that if you do these things in prayer then the Father will give you His Holy Spirit as a gift to help you.

In Galatians 6:10 it says: “Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people. . .”

Here is your question: “If I start doing good spiritual things in the lives of people I know (doing what the Bible says and praying), what should I expect to happen?” (Read Galatians 6:9 and talk about what this might look like. . .)

Invitation and Mission for this week

This week take the word of God for you in Galatians 6:10 seriously. . . “do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

Ask the Lord to show you what one good thing you can do for someone in the Family of God, and one thing you can do for someone that is not a believer.

And do it with the intent of pleasing the Spirit. . .that is sowing good spiritual seed!

Pray for each other