

ONLY THE BROKEN

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Opening Up:

What is something you wish you could learn how to do?

If you could possess any skill or talent at an expert level, what would it be?

If you could win any prize for any achievement, what would the prize and achievement be?

Reference: Galatians 6:6-18

Discuss:

1. Great teachers not only share truths with you, great teachers share life with you. Can you think of a teacher that shared life with you? How does sharing life enhance the instruction? What would be the consequence of classroom only instruction? How does this underscore the need to teach in real life communities?
2. The texts call us to “share all good things.” This is referring to our support the word based ministries of the church. What does your spending say about your values? How does your generosity to the church reflect your values?
3. The harvest principle is absolute principle of life. Whatever your life is harvesting is the result (at least in part) of whatever you have been sowing. What do you want to sow, and thus harvest? What are you harvesting? What needs to change?
4. Think about the phrase, “There is no cause more worthy than the mission of God at work through the family of God.” How might this be true? If it is true, what might this call us to sow?
5. Can you think of times in your own life when sowing to please your sinful nature has forced you to reap “destruction”?
6. When we sow spiritual seed, Tim Keller writes, “We often get the direct and deep satisfaction of seeing changed lives . . . [the] satisfaction of seeing families and communities, even cities, becoming good and happy places to live . . . [and] even see people whose burdens we’ve been bearing become burden bearers; changed lives which begin to change other lives.” What does it feel like to be apart of changing a life? Can you tell a story of a spiritual seed that you have sown that has led to a changed life? (Remember as a member of the body of Christ and therefore a participant in the work of Christ in the local church, every story the church can tell is the result of a seed you have sown.)
7. In verse 14 Paul says, he does not need the world for his justification. He boasts in Jesus. What about Jesus makes you proud? What about Jesus makes you excited and joyful? What about Jesus do you often brag about? What makes Jesus special to you?
8. How might the following statement be true? “The gospel is either too bitter to eat or sweet and delectable. If it is neither of these things, you have not understood it.” What is offensive about the gospel? What is wonderful about the gospel?
9. In your own words, what is the book of Galatians all about?
10. Pray.