

# GROWTH GROUPS

January 6, 2012

## Galatians 6:1-10

“Being reminded of why we do what we do as the church in the new year.”

### Conversation Starter -

Make a list of “good things” you did during the Christmas season that you did because you a member of the church or a follower of Jesus. (*Things that you wouldn't have done if Jesus were not your Lord.*)

### Understanding -

In the book of Galatians, the Apostle Paul answers the question, “what should I be giving my life to as a follower of Christ.” The end of chapter five gives expression to what the answer to this question looks like for individuals. Chapter six speaks to what it looks like as a community and exhorts us to continue “doing good” as we live lives of faithful service.

1. Is there a specific "good" you do as a follower of Christ or a member of the church that you may be tiring of?
2. When the scripture speaks of a "harvest if we do not give up," what do you think it means? Consider Matthew 9:37-38; John 4:35-36; Romans 1:13, as additional texts. How might this "harvest" relate to the specific "goods" that have been mentioned?
3. As a group consider one or two "seemingly tedious" goods that you or others do in the life of the church and "pull back the curtain" on how important those things actually are by imagining together what would be different if those things were never done by anyone. How can your growth group "encourage one another towards love and good deeds" in the coming year? (Hebrews 10:24-25)