



Life Group Study Guide  
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Grace Alone: Perseverance – What Are You Sowing?  
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## MESSAGE NOTES

Galatians 6:6-10

Mistake #1: Grace means that what I do doesn't matter.

- \* You will reap what you sow.
- \* You will reap more than what you sow.
- \* You will reap later than you sow.

Mistake #2: Sowing and reaping means that only what I do matters.

- \* Issue of timing
- \* Issue of visibility
- \* Issue of unknowns

## STUDY GUIDE

### Reference:

Open in prayer and read Galatians 6:6-10.  
Tim Keller book: *Galatians for You*, Pages 173-179

**Review:** What was one thing from this week's message, or scripture reference, that stood out to you?

### Reflect:

1. How have you seen the sowing-reaping principle in your life? Can you think of times in your life where you reaped "destruction" by sowing to please the flesh? How about ways you have reaped eternal life by sowing to please the Spirit? Explain.
  
2. One way we "sow" is how we spend or invest our financial resources. Of course, not every financial investment yields a financial return, such as in charitable giving. How do you make your decisions in sowing your financial resources to please the Spirit?
  
3. Consider Galatians 6:9. Is there an area of your life where you are discouraged or growing weary of doing good? Why or why not?

4. One lesson we can take from the “God cannot be mocked” passage (Galatians 6:7) is that we never get away with sin. And yet, it so often seems people *do* get away with sin. Read Psalm 73, a classic passage describing one man’s frustration with that very issue, and discuss how we should think about it when someone seems to be getting away with sin.
  
5. Why do you think Paul included this phrase at the end of verse 10 - “especially to those who belong to the family of believers”? Do you think God provides a greater harvest for those who do good for believers, as opposed to unbelievers?
  
6. One way to understand “in the flesh” is the idea of being able to earn God’s approval through our good works, instead of trusting in Jesus’ sacrifice on our behalf. How does this good works approach create destruction?

**Respond/Reinforce:**

Philip Ryken says, “A husband and wife sow to the Spirit when they repent of their selfishness and begin to work together in true spiritual partnership.” Think about other examples of how you can sow to the Spirit, regardless of your particular role or status in life. Be intentional this week about one of those examples. Reference - Bush, D. & Due, N. (2015). *Live in Liberty: The Spiritual Message of Galatians* (p. 226). Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.

**Next Week’s Reading:**

Scripture: Galatians 6:11-18

Tim Keller book: *Galatians for You*, Pages 180-185