

SERMON NOTES

Date: September 3, 2017

Series: Uncommon Community

Title: Bear One Another's Burdens

Text: Galatians 6:1-5

Big Idea: We can't have victory over sin on our own, therefore God plans to use his people to restore us and bear our burdens.

1. We can't have victory over sin on our own because we're too easily caught.

2. We can have victory over sin with the help of other believers who:

- restore us gently

- carry our burdens

3. We are each responsible for doing our own part.

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Galatians 6:1-5. Why is it foolish to think that we can live the Christian life on our own? _____

Who are “the spiritual,” and what cautions does Paul us them as we help restore others caught in sin? _____

Biblical restoration should always be done in “gentleness.” What can happen if this is piece missing? _____

When we stand before Christ in judgment, for what will he hold us accountable as it relates to the trials and temptations of our fellow believers? _____

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Would you say that you are more prone to live your Christian life in isolation or in purposeful community with other believers? Why do you lean one way or another? _____

What makes it both easy and difficult for you to be on the receiving and giving end of restoration and burden bearing? _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

Is there a sin that has you caught? What is keeping you from seeking help and accountability? What steps does God want you to take to really begin to deal with it and change? _____

Do you know of another believer who is caught in sinful patters of thought, word or deed? Is God calling you to help restore them? How can you prepare your own heart to speak with them about it? _____

Bearing one another’s burdens can be costly? How can reflection on the work of Christ as our burden bearer help you carry the burdens of others faithfully? _____

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Is there someone in your life who is carrying a burden to great for them to carry alone? How can you help shoulder the load? Pray for way to practically help, then take steps to do so this week.