

WEEK 6: CHAPTER 6

ABOUT THIS SERIES

In our *Galatians* series, St. Mark is walking verse-by-verse and chapter-by-chapter through Paul's letter to the Galatians to discover how an ancient manuscript like Galatians gives us timeless truths for today. Your group will go deeper into the series by learning about the cultural and scriptural context to Paul's letter.

ITEMS NEEDED

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CHECKLIST BEFORE YOUR GROUP ARRIVES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for your group | <input type="checkbox"/> Read through the Discussion Guide | <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments (optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean meeting area | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean bathroom | <input type="checkbox"/> Crack front door |

OPENING (5 MIN)

After a general welcome, say: Icebreaker time! This one will take a bit of honesty—

WHEN WAS A MEMORABLE TIME YOU HAD TO CALL OUT SOMEONE (WHO WASN'T A FAMILY MEMBER) FOR THEIR ACTIONS?

HOW ABOUT A TIME SOMEONE CALLED YOU OUT?

After a brief discussion, say: As we wrap up the book of Galatians we're going to have a conversation about the responsibility brothers and sisters in Christ have to hold one another accountable.

We'll talk about all of that in a minute, but first, let's pray.

OPENING PRAYER (1 MIN)

Host, lead the group in prayer.

KEY VERSES (5 MIN)

After a prayer, say: Let's bring everyone up-to-speed with key verses from Galatians 4:

CAN SOMEONE READ THE FOLLOWING VERSES, AND I'LL READ THE SUMMARY:

VERSE	SUMMARY
Vs. 1	Paul talks about the importance of Christians holding one another accountable in our faith walk.
Vs. 8	Continuing the conversation on flesh and Spirit from last week, Paul tells us we can expect to reap what we sow.
Vs. 14-15	Paul summarizes his entire reason for writing the book of Galatians by stating for one last time that our righteousness before God comes through faith in Christ and not by works of the Law.

WHICH OF THESE KEY VERSES INTRIGUES YOU THE MOST, AND WHY?**PAUL ON ACCOUNTABILITY (5-10 MIN)**

After a discussion, say: The bulk of chapter 6 has to do with this idea of holding another believer accountable to a life of faith. Like a training partner in a gym. But when is and when isn't it appropriate to do so? Let's start our conversation first by reading what Paul has to say on the matter to the Galatians.

CAN SOMEONE READ GALATIANS 6:1 ALOUD FOR US?

After the reading, say: There's a qualifier in that verse that deserve to be discussed.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO MENTION "GENTLY" IN THE PROCESS OF ACCOUNTABILITY?**JESUS ON ACCOUNTABILITY (5-10 MIN)**

After a discussion, say: When Paul mentions the Law of Christ, in a narrow sense he's talking about Christ's command to love one another (John 15:17), but in the broad sense, he's talking about every command Jesus gave. Including his command on accountability.

CAN EVERYONE TURN TO MATTHEW 7:1-5 AND CAN I GET SOMEONE TO READ IT ALOUD FOR US?**WHAT DO YOU THINK THE DIFFERENCE IS BETWEEN JUDGING SOMEONE AND HOLDING THEM ACCOUNTABLE?****WHY IS IT SOMETIMES EASIER TO SEE OTHER'S FAULTS AND MISS YOUR OWN?**

After a discussion, say: The rubber meets the road in this conversation when we talk about living out this concept?

WITHOUT NAMING NAMES, LET’S GO IN A CIRCLE AND ANSWER WITH A SIMPLE “YES” OR “NO”—DO YOU HAVE A BROTHER OR SISTER IN CHRIST YOU NEED TO HOLD ACCOUNTABLE?

FOR THOSE WHO ANSWERED “YES”—HOW DOES TODAY’S SCRIPTURE ENCOURAGE OR CHANGE YOUR DECISION TO SAY SOMETHING?

After a discussion, say: May the Holy Spirit give you the strength, wisdom, and opportunity to share the tough love of Jesus.

And hopefully, these 6 weeks in the book of Galatians has blessed you like it’s blessed others with insight into your faith, your righteousness, and your Christian life in response to what Christ has done.

CLOSING PRAYER (5 – 7 MIN)

Obviously, we can pray about these conversations on accountability during our closing prayer. But—

ARE THERE ANY OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS TODAY?

Host, after taking prayer requests, close the group in prayer.