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# WEEKLY APPLICATION

**TAKEAWAY:** We are called to carry burdens well within our community.

**HEAD CHANGE:** If we want to experience the life of Jesus, we must adopt the lifestyle of Jesus.

**HEART CHANGE:** The love of Jesus compels us to follow the law of Christ.

**LIFE CHANGE:** Simplifying my life will allow margin to love the people in my community well.

### **OVERVIEW**

#### The Opportunity to do Good

In Galatians 6, Paul calls us to share each other's burdens and by doing so we obey the law of Christ. Loving people in theory is easy and beautiful but, in reality, is harsh and dreadful. If we want to be a community that lives out Paul's call in Galatians, we must learn how to handle our own burdens. We also must recognize that our life is often too hurried to notice the burdens of people around us. Lastly, when we recognize that the things we possess are not that important, and the role that God asks us to play is not too small; then we can truly begin to put ourselves in places to carry burdens of others well.

"Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone – especially to those in the family of faith."

-Galatians 6:10 (NLT)-

# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What stood out to you in this teaching? Why do you think that resonated with you?
- 2. How do you share burdens in your life with your community?
- 3. Which of the three reasons laid out in the teaching keep you from carry burdens well?
- 4. How do you plan to keep that reason from prohibiting you from loving those around you?

# **CLOSE IN PRAYER**

Father, thank you for your love, grace, and mercy. Because of the ways You love me I want to live out and obey the law of Christ. Help me to daily give my burdens to you, knowing that your burden is light. Allow me to see where I need to slow down and give more of my time and energy so that I could be a blessing to others. Remind me how much I need the community that you have placed me in and lead me to serve well. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

### **IN THIS TOGETHER!**