

DISCUSSION IDEAS
FAMILY LIFE

Galatians 6

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THE CHURCH IS A FAMILY WHERE WE CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: THE REALITY – WE ARE PART OF A FAMILY**

Where does God's Word describe our relationship with each other?

Review, briefly, Rom. 12:3-5, 1 Cor. 12:12-14, Eph. 4:1-6 and Col. 1:18-24.

Now read Galatians 6:1-10 with this in mind.

What does being part of a family affect our attitudes and actions?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: HOW DOES LIVING A LIFE OF AGAPE LOVE RELATE TO BEING PART OF A FAMILY?**

In what way(s) are we intended to be like our Father, God?

What is God's self description in Exodus 34:6-7?

Compare 1 John 4:15-21.

What is a definition of "agape" love, as opposed to feelings of love?

How will our living out a life characterized by agape love affect our relationships with:

- our fellow believers?
- with our own families?
- our unsaved friends?
- those who hate us?

How can I be "independent" and "self-sufficient" and still show love?
Or can I?

Can't I just do my own thing?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: DEALING WITH A FELLOW BELIEVER WHO IS IN TROUBLE.**

Review Gal. 6:1.

What should be our attitude in reaching out to another?

What kind of attitude is described in v. 3? How can we avoid this attitude?

Verses 2 and 5 might seem to contradict each other.

What is the issue in vv. 1 & 2?

Think about the word "burden" here as a load that needs to be shared. Example: My wife is carrying six bags of groceries, and I only am carrying one bag of potato-chips.

What about in vv. 4 & 5?

Think about the word "burden" or "load" here as a responsibility.

What are the differences in these two situations?

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♦ **DISCUSSION POINT FOUR: SHOWING CHRIST'S LOVE TO THE WORLD.**

Read Gal. 6:9-10.

What happens when we get "burned out".

How can we avoid this?

WHO are we thinking about most of the time?

If we live out this agape love, how will the world around us be affected?

How does the unsaved world respond to those who care?

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♦ **FOR PRAYER:**

Continue to uphold the Shelter Valley believers, and the GCC team that serves there. Pray for continued growth in understanding among those who attend about God's Plan and what it really means to follow Him.

Pray for the new home groups starting up soon, especially the leaders.

Let's continue to pray for the Lord's love and power to be seen in Baranganon Island.

Thank God for the encouragement for Benders and Ingvaldstads as the Cuyunan church grows. Ask God for protection from injuries and from sickness.

Pray for the men who are growing in Christ and taking on greater responsibilities on Baranganon Island.

Praise and continued prayer: Continue to uphold the Tagbanwa believers who go to a neighboring island every Friday to teach about God. Pray too for the hearers to respond.

"Continue to pray for them as there continues to be a solid group listening and interacting with God's Word. We often get to go, and its exciting to see `the body' in action.

"Not only are there teachers, but others go to support and engage this new group who is hearing. If you can believe it, there are even some who catch fish for the families who go so they won't miss a meal!

"Continue to pray for strength and endurance for those who go, as well as understanding for those who hear."

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Conrad Binder writes: "15 people decided to make a public statement of their 'oneness with Christ', by being baptized. Through baptism they expressed that they had died to their old ways, and that the new life they live, is because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We heard some very encouraging testimonies on what Jesus Christ did in their lives. Gary came to know Jesus Christ through the teaching in Balo-balo, he said "What kind of faith is that, if we don't have the courage to make it known publicly through baptism".

"The most exciting part of our ministry here, is seeing Jesus Christ become visible in their daily life in their decision-making, and in their testimonies."

Thank God and uphold in prayer the "TFG" (Time For God) group of children and young folks who meet every day!

Pray with the strong, self-motivated women's group as they study God's Word and grow to be mature believers.