**Galatians 6**

*Galatians 5:26-6:5*

In this passage Paul addresses the very real problem of pride. It is essential that God's people assess themselves correctly for two major reasons:

First, if we are conceited (5:26) then we will not “serve one another in love” (5:13) – A self-centred, proud person is going to be no use restoring a sinner and is unlikely to offer to share another person’s burden (6:1-2).

But more concerning still, v3-5 remind us that when we come before God in the final judgement, comparison with others will play no part in God’s assessment, and on that day each of us will be responsible for the load God gave us.

**Q** Read 5:26. Here, Paul warns against conceit (a hunger for personal glory) which manifests in 2 ways, ‘provoking’ and ‘envying’. What do these 2 forms of pride look like? (Which one are you most likely to struggle with?)

**Q** Read 6:1-2. How should we minister to those who have been caught in sin? Why would either type of pride stop us doing this effectively?

**Q** What are some of the burdens that people struggle with in life? Why might pride stop you helping them?

**Q** How does carrying other people’s burdens “fulfil the Law of Christ”? (take a look at 5:13-14)

**Q** Read 6:3-5. Here Paul is thinking about the future judgement where each of us will be responsible for our own personal load. Why is it crucial that we don’t let pride, or comparison with others, cloud our own assessment of ourselves in the prospect of that day?
Galatians 6:6-18
The Apostle Paul now finishes his letter with a warning and an invitation. A warning for us to think about what it is that we are using our lives to sow; what will be the harvest brought forth in our lives (v8), and an invitation to join him in living under the rule of the gospel (v16), the message of the cross of Christ.

The false teachers who have plagued the churches in Galatia have only produced fruit in keeping with the gospel they actually believe, which Paul told us was “no gospel at all!” (1:6-7) It is a message that only addresses outwards concerns and seeks only admiration and acceptance. But Paul’s gospel is the message of the cross, which offends and brings persecution to those who preach it, yet changes the heart.

**Q** Read v6-10. What is the fundamental principle Paul wants us to grasp in v7? How does Paul apply this to our lives in v8-9?

**Q** What role does doing good play in the life of a Christian?

**Q** What specific area of “sowing” good does Paul highlight in v6? Why do you think he singles this out?

**Q** Read v11-18. How would you describe the contrast between the false teachers in v12-13 and Paul in v14-15? What do they boast about? What is the new creation that Paul says is the only thing that really counts in v15?

**Q** What does it mean to boast in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ? How might a decision to make that your boast affect your life? (cf. v12, 17)