

# SERMON OUTLINE

## The Spirit-filled Community

*Galatians 6:1-10*

*Our passage describes a particular kind of community—a gospel community that is produced by the Spirit; a community shaped by the love of Christ by the power of the Spirit.*

**If we are followers of Jesus, we are called to be his Spirit-filled Community.  
What is God’s word teaching us about this Spirit-filled Community?  
What are its qualities?**

**The Spirit-filled community is a fellowship of restoration** (Galatians 6:1)

- The fellowship of restoration is one of bearing burdens (Galatians 6:2-3)
  - The fellowship of restoration is one of load-bearing (Galatians 6:4-5)
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**The Spirit-filled community is a fellowship of learning** (Galatians 6:6)

- The fellowship of learning is a “Learning Partnership” (Galatians 6:6-8)
  - The fellowship of learning is one of goodness in action (Galatians 6:9-10)
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## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

In chapter 5, Paul instructs the church in the life in the Spirit, and the fruit that the Spirit produces in the life of believers. He contrasts this with the “fruit” or works of the flesh. Here in chapter 6 he begins to apply this in specific ways to community life.

- Is it significant that Paul starts this section with the subject of restoring those who are tripped up by sin? Have you ever seen this happen?
- Discuss the distinction Paul makes between bearing one another’s burdens and carrying our own load? (Verses 2-5)
- When have you experienced the reality of “bearing one another’s burdens”?
- In what ways are you called to carry your own load?
- Look at the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23 and the detailed description of Christian love in 1 Corinthians 13. How many ways do you see love in operation in the relationships described in Galatians 6:1-10?
- What is your response to Paul’s description of the “Learning Partnership”?
- When have you seen the model of doing good to everyone, and especially to believers, practiced?