

Cell Outlines

Week beginning: 30th September 2007

Theme: Sowing & Reaping (Galatians 6:7-10)

To Get Us Started: We like the concept of 'just desserts' except, of course, we it's us! Can you remember a time when you received your 'come-up-ance' and would you like to share such a story with your fellow cell-members? If not, have you seen in the newspapers lately about people losing huge amounts on the Stock Exchange. How would you feel if that happened to you? Why do sane people gamble in such a reckless way?

Word

Background to our reading – The Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Galatia because they were under pressure from Jewish believers. These Jewish converts were trying to make the Gentile Christians obey the Old Testament law & rituals (such as circumcision – ouch!) rather than on having faith in Jesus Christ to be made right with God. Paul speaks about how Christians need to be free in Christ not being 'burdened again by a yoke of slavery' (5:1). He taught that we need to obey the Holy Spirit and not go along with religious legalism or worse as this next passage goes on to say.

Now read Galatians 6:7-10 please.

Discuss starters and questions to help consider these Scripture verse:

- 'A man reaps what he sows' (v.7) What are you reaping from what you have previously sown - either good or bad!? Discuss.
- Sometimes when can reap what others have sown. Can you think of any examples? How can we turn these situations around - if at all?
- In what ways can we sow well? (Examples of bad sowing in 5:19-21 & good sowing in 5:22-23)
- In what context do you think 6:7 challenges our so-called 'care free' society and how is it, perhaps, unwittingly, mocks God?
- In what ways can we individually and as a church 'sow to please the Spirit'? (v.8)
- Did you sense God speaking to you on Sunday. If so, share with your cell what He said.
- Is there anything else that you sense God saying to you recently? If so, please share it with your cell group for their prayerful consideration.

Worship

God is sovereign. The early church called Him 'Sovereign Lord' as they prayed in Acts 4:24. The word translated 'sovereign' is δεσποτεζ 'despotes' in the original Greek. From the word we also get 'despot' which means 'complete authority'. Spend some time in worship to our Sovereign Lord and I invite you to pray into the issue of our producing good fruit through sowing in righteousness and the Spirit as individuals, families, cell groups and as a church.

Witness

- How do or can we sow righteousness into the lives of those around us?
- In what ways can you sow to 'please the Spirit' amongst those who are not yet Christians?
- How can we encourage one another to 'not become weary in doing good'? (v.9)
- How can this be a witness?
- What good sowing can we do for those 'who belong to the family of believers'? In other words are you aware of needs within the Christian community, which you can do something about?

Pray into the above and listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying. Then get on with it! ☺