

Harvesting Blessings

Galatians 6:1-10, Philippians 4:6-8

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Guest Speaker Series

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

Have you ever found yourself in a season where everything seems to be falling apart and disappointments appear to be piling up? The Apostle Paul carefully instructs the church in Galatia to harvest three specific blessings: The blessing of helping your brothers and sisters, the blessing of generosity, and the blessing of doing good when they find themselves in times of difficulty and disappointment. But how can we do this consistently? Join us as we discover the peace, hope, and strength that can be found in Jesus.

REALIZE

1. The blessing of helping your brothers and sisters .

- **Scripture Reference;** Galatians 6:1-5
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - When people are struggling, what is your attitude toward them? Have you ever been corrected in a biblical way? What was that experience like for you?

2. The blessing of generosity.

- **Scripture Reference;** Galatians 6:6-8
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - If greed is the opposite of generosity, how can we detect greed in our own life? What does it mean to be truly generous?

3. The blessing of doing good.

- **Scripture Reference;** Galatians 6:9-10
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What does 'God is good' really mean? How does that change the way I view God the Father?

4. The blessing of peace of mind.

- **Scripture Reference;** Philippians 4:6-8
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What sort of things need to go on my gratitude list? How will I incorporate this practice into my everyday life?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?