



**Week of July 25, 2021**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Think back on your life. At what age do you wish you had understood this principle? What difference might have that made in the trajectory of your life?
2. Read Ephesians 6:3-4. Why is the character of humility so important in taking responsibility?
3. Paul said, "You reap later and greater than you sow." What lies does Satan use to deceive us into believing our current actions won't have consequences?
4. Read Ephesians 6:8. Notice the contrast in actions of sowing. How is the reaping exponentially better or exponentially worse, depending on what is sown?
5. Pride is often what limits us from taking responsibility. What sin do you need to confess to God? How can you take responsibility for the past and be responsible in the present?
6. It is never too late to start sowing good choices. What choices do you have in front of you this week that will affect the results you experience in the future? Ask the group to pray for you in these choices.

## **Moving Forward**

There is a relationship between the choices you make today and the life you experience tomorrow. It's not immediate. It's not instant -- but it's guaranteed. You reap what you sow. Future good deeds don't erase present sowing. Future remorse doesn't erase present sowing. God's forgiveness is available --- but it doesn't cancel all consequences in this life. What area of your life do you need to begin sowing good seeds?

At what age do you wish you had understood this principle in your life? What might God be calling you to do to invest in someone that age? How can this group encourage you in that?

## **Galatians 6:1-5, 7-9**

Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. <sup>5</sup>For each one will bear his own load.

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. <sup>8</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.