Sermon: Church: A messy, compelling community. **Scripture:** Galatians 6:1-10.
Series: *Galatians: Gospel Freedom.* **Date:** November 22, 2026

OBSERVATION — As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through who, what, where, when, how, and why questions together.

INTERPRETATION — Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about humanity?

a. Read Galatians 6:1–2 again. To what degree are you practicing these "messy but compelling" aspects of gospel community: confronting sin, bearing burdens, and gently restoring?

b. Does this small group practice this kind of community? Are you willing to go through pain together in order to confront and restore one another?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

a. Think about verses 7–8. What does verse 7 teach us about the nature of God and the nature of the world He created? How does this "sowing and reaping" principle apply to our personal relationship with God and our spiritual growth?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace and salvation? How does it point us to Christ?

a. Paul says that when we put Galatians 6:1–2 into practice, we are "fulfilling the law of Christ," or we might say the "pattern of Christ." How did Jesus Himself accomplish verses 1–2 for us? (Consider Isaiah 53:4–6.)

Application

a. Can you think of a brother or sister in Christ who has a heavy burden to bear (vv. 2, 10)? How can you come alongside them to love, sympathize with, and sacrifice for them?

b. In verse 5, Paul says that each Christian should carry their own load (a light knapsack). Is there any part of your life or spiritual growth that you need to take personal responsibility for? What spiritual habits can you put in place to help you carry your "spiritual load"?

c. Look at verse 9. Is there any good work in your life that you are tempted to give up on? How does this passage encourage you to continue doing good and not grow weary?

Prayer

Praise God for creating a world in which we can grow as we "sow to the Spirit."

Confess ways that you have "sown to the flesh" and failed to do good for others.

Thank Jesus for bearing our ultimate burden on the cross and freeing us to love, sympathize, and sacrifice from grace.

Ask the Holy Spirit to give you opportunities to do good—bearing burdens, restoring gently, and meeting needs.