



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Week of January 30 & 31, 2021*

*Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.*

### **Sermon Text**

Galatians 6:6-10

*If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiikaichurch.org/sermononline>*

**6 Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. 7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8 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. 9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.**

### **Summary**

In this week's passage Paul the Apostle continues to teach the correct perspective of good works. Although a Christian is not saved by his good works, how he lives REALLY MATTERS to God (Gal.5:13). And this includes how he uses his money. Paul exhorts his readers to sow their resources wisely and to "share all good things with the one who teaches." He warns the Galatians (and us) not to sow to the flesh but to sow to the Spirit from Whom they will reap eternal life.

## Discussion Questions

1. From our sermon, we learned that we need to not only get the Gospel correct theologically, we must also get the Gospel correct practically. Theologically, the Gospel teaches us that we are saved from our sin by grace alone, through Christ alone by faith alone - independent of our good works. In light of this, what place does good works have in the life of the believer and what do you think it means to get the Gospel correct practically?
2. Paul is very clear that the one who teaches the Word of God is responsible for rightly dividing the Word, i.e. teaching it accurately (2 Timothy 2:15) How important is it for you, that the teacher of God's word "gets it right"? Is it more important for a sermon to entertain you and make you feel good, or for the sermon to be accurate and true to what God is saying to His people?
3. The teacher must serve his congregation in love by working hard to exercise his gift of teaching. In turn the congregation serves their pastor in love by "sharing all good things (i.e. financial support) with the one who teaches". The emphasis is not on money, but on serving one another in love. Why is it important for both teacher and congregation to make sure they understand this correctly?
4. Paul uses an agricultural picture of sowing and reaping to help us understand that how we live now and what we do now, will determine our future. In the context of our passage, this means that if you are selfish about your money now, you should **not** expect to reap a reward (eternal life) from God later. How do you reconcile the idea that we are not saved by our good works with what Paul says in v.8 "***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***"? (If you find yourself stuck on this question, Pastor Amel gave this very helpful statement: "Even though your good works won't amount to salvation, God's salvation will amount to your good works. It will lead you to good works.")

5. One of the sermon's main points was that "how you live matters", but it was also repeatedly emphasized that your good works do not save you. Pastor Amel defined the Christian life as "a Spirit filled life, bearing the fruit of the Spirit that loves God by lovingly serving the people around them." Based on this definition, how does the Christian life differ from a purely moralistic life (i.e. a life that is based on doing good works)? From the outside, both lives might appear to be the same - what is the difference?