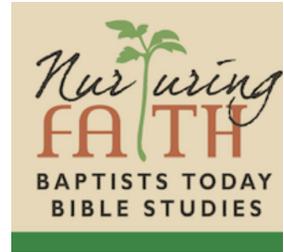


Youth Teaching Resources

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Getting On in Galatia: Paul's Angriest Letter (May 29-July 3)

Living Like You Mean It — Galatians 6:1-16

Nothing 'Minor' About These Prophets (July 10-31)

The Leaning Tower of Israel — Amos 7:7-17

Full Pockets and Empty Hearts — Amos 8:1-12

A Seriously Broken Home — Hosea 1:1-10

A Love That Won't Let Go — Hosea 11:1-11

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Living Like You Mean It

Galatians 6:1-16

YOUTH Teaching Guide

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PARENT PREP

You don't have to do this alone. In fact, you shouldn't try and do this alone. Parenting isn't easy and some days you just want to throw your hands up in the air and give up. Those are the days that you really can't go at this whole parenting this alone. Find a group of friends that you can share life with. At first, this may be just getting together and having a moment of quiet with your friends. Then, it may progress into sharing what is going on and constructive ways to help one another. You never know, it might end up that you share in the joy of graduations and weddings. The point being, don't try and parent by yourself. Find a group that you can share the warts with as well as the smiles. Share your burdens. Share your joys. Share in life.

TEACHING THE LESSON

Fellowship

Before the session begins, gather several decks of playing cards that you don't mind being folded and creased. As the students enter the meeting space, distribute three cards to each individual and challenge them to see what kind of structure they can create that will hold the most weight. After a couple of minutes have them get into groups of three to combine their cards to build a better structure. Keep combining the groups until there is only one or two groups that will build a structure to hold the most weight. When the group has built and tested their structure, begin to facilitate a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) Do you typically like working better with a group or by yourself? Explain.
- 2) How did your structures do as the number of people, and the number of cards, increased?
- 3) What would you have changed about this exercise? Why?
- 4) What are the pros and cons of living out your faith by yourself and with a group?
- 5) How does your faith grow stronger when you surround yourself with people?

Information

Transition to the next section of the session by reading Galatians 6:1-16. Allow the students to ask any initial questions they have about the text. As you answer their questions, you may want to provide some of the information from THE BIBLE LESSON in *Baptists Today*.

When the students have had an opportunity to share their initial thoughts, continue the discussion by facilitating a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) How are we to care for someone when we have seen them stumble, lose, or turn away from their faith? How have you seen this done in a negative way?
- 2) How do we fulfill the law of Christ when we bear one another's burdens?
- 3) What does Paul suggest doing when it gets hard to help others?
- 4) What examples have you seen of people reaping what they sow?
- 5) Why does Paul want the readers of his letter to know he is writing? What does he call attention to in his own handwriting?

If your group would like to continue their discussion on this passage, share some of the insights provided in "Digging Deeper" (NF Online Adult Teaching Guide). You may want to use some questions like the following to facilitate your discussion:

- 1) Where do you see the theme of restoration and reconciliation in the Gospels?
- 2) Why would Paul want to emphasize bearing one another's burdens to the church at Galatia?
- 3) Why would Paul have written in large letters at the end of the letter?
- 4) What is unusual about how Paul closes his letter?

You may also want your group to discuss "The Hardest Question" (NF Online Adult Teaching Guide): What does Paul mean by verse 16, wishing peace and mercy upon "those who will follow this rule" and "upon the Israel of God"?

Transformation

Conclude your time together by showing the clip "Biff's World" from Back to the Future Part 2. If you are unable to show the clip, summarize it to the best of your ability, and then facilitate a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) Why was Marty so shocked to see Biff doing as well as he did?
- 2) What was the event that caused Biff to become rich?
- 3) What are some events that you look back on and realize have been impactful to you?
- 4) Who are some of the people that you got to share these events with? Did they help you? Explain.
- 5) How do you not get caught up in the big event(s) that have shaped your life? How does your faith help you overcome times when you have stumbled? What does your faith mean to you when you succeed?

Close with a prayer thanking God for those people around us that help us in those times of need and that we get to share our joys with when life is great.