

Lesson 7 • They Seized the Opportunity

In your group, talk through every question out loud. Don't rush to the "right" answer — let everyone weigh in. We'll come back together for the last 20 minutes to share what you found.

THE TEXT

"Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith."

Galatians 6:9–10 • CSB

Part 1 • Discussion

Start on the surface and work toward the heart. Jot a few notes so you can share with the class.

- 1. Warm-up:** Think of one small opening you noticed this past week and did nothing about — a name that came to mind, a conversation you could have started. What made it easy to walk past?
- 2. Sowing and reaping:** Paul places "let us not get tired of doing good" immediately after the sowing-and-reaping warning of Galatians 6:7–8. How does that frame change the way you think about unspectacular, repetitive acts of service?
- 3. Weariness by inches:** Weariness rarely arrives in one large stroke. It seeps into the part of the heart that used to notice. Where has the energy for steady good work begun to slacken — in you, or in us — and what would Paul say to that?
- 4. The harvest:** The promise is that we will reap at the proper time. The condition attached is not size, or polish, but endurance. What does that promise actually do for a Christian in the long middle between planting and reaping?

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- 5. Kairos, not chronos:** The word behind "as we have opportunity" is kairos — the appointed moment that opens for a season and then closes. Chronos is the steady tick of the clock. Where does the difference between those two show up in an ordinary week?
- 6. Both horizons:** Paul says to work for the good of all, and especially for the household of faith. How should those two horizons hold together in a congregation, and which one tends to drop out when the other is emphasized?
- 7. Bringing it home:** What opportunity is already approaching — a particular person, a particular door? What is the one concrete step that moves you from noticing to acting before it closes?

"The called-out came together as a body that kept its eyes up, and walked through the doors the Lord had already opened."