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Week 6 – Living the Life!**

Introduction:

God's Grace Empowers us to...

1. Be _____ to others (6:1-2)

"...if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently."

2. Be _____ for our uniqueness (6:3-5)

"Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing to someone else..."

3. Be _____ without becoming weary (6:6-10)

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Matthew 9:37-38

John 4:35-36

4. Be _____ into God's family (6:11-18)

"Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation."

The Big Idea:

The letter of Galatians – and the entirety of the New Testament – teaches us that these three qualities (*graciousness, gratefulness* and *generosity*) are the result of the powerful work of God's grace in our lives.

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Personal Life:

1. Galatians shows us that God's grace, far from being a so-called "license to sin," is in fact our most powerful source of victory over the dominance of sin. Try to recount and share some of the ways in which God's grace has set you free from certain things that once held you captive...

Ponderings:

2. Based on the major applications from the weekend message, discuss how each of the following has taken root in your life as you've grown in grace...
 - *Being more gracious to others*
 - *Being more grateful for God's favor*
 - *Being more generous with God's blessings*
3. Studies reveal that young adults (ages 18-25) are leaving the "Church" at an alarming rate in America specifically and in the west generally. Interestingly, many of these studies indicate that some of the top reasons for this exodus involves...
 - Real or perceived judgementalism (the opposite of graciousness)
 - Real or perceived indifference to injustice (the opposite of gratitude)
 - Real or perceived selfishness (the opposite of generosity)How might a revolutionary movement of grace-saturation (radically lived out through graciousness, gratefulness and generosity) start to reverse these trends of people walking away from their church roots?
4. As a part of Valley Church, are you content to merely learn more about how the gospel of grace relates to daily life...or are you becoming more emboldened to believe that God wants to use us locally, nationally and internationally as a core catalyst for such a movement in the Body of Christ? How might you personally play a role in that? Share your thoughts...

Promptings:

5. John 1:17 says, "*For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*" What will your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers see in your life throughout the coming week...a ministry reminding them of Moses, or Jesus? Discuss your thoughts...