

BE the Church: Learn to Look Both Ways

(Galatians 6:1-10 & Luke 5:12-16)

1. It is easy to forget that “the church” is not a building or service but rather *people*. How can you, through the way that you use the word “church” remind people of this truth?
 - a. For those who are the church
 - b. For those who aren’t a part of the church
2. Have you ever had to “restore” a person who has been caught in a sin? (v1) What does “gentleness” look like?
 - a. If not, what would be your greatest concern?
 - b. What could be the risk if you refuse to restore them?
3. Looking OUT, or carrying each other’s burdens (v2) often involves us responding to someone else’s *sin* (effects of personal choices) or *stress* (effects of systemic sin). What type of burden’s do you carry most often?
 - a. How is the state of your heart for others right now?
 - b. How regularly do you look OUT?
4. Looking IN, or carrying our own load (v5) can be confronting as it forces us to test our motivations, and ensure we are not deceiving ourselves.
 - a. Have you ever had a moment when you realised your love/care was more about *you*, than the person you were caring for?
 - b. Do you test your motivations, or look IN, regularly?
5. Read Galatians 6:7-10. How is your weight distribution right now?
6. As the church, and imitating Jesus, are you looking both ways:
 - a. Personally
 - b. Professionally
 - c. Communally (spiritual family)