

Galatians 6:1-2 (ESV) Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of **gentleness**. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's **burdens**, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Being a restorer with God means we **walk** with people through a dark valley in their journeys.

“The biggest compliment you can receive from someone is when they **share** their heart with you.”

Matthew 18:15 (NKJV) “Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have **gained** your brother.

Being a restorer with God means we have a compassion that is courageous, gentle, **discerning** and wise (not to take on the offenses of the other).

Luke 5:18 (NASB95). And *some men were* carrying on a bed a man who was paralyzed; and they were trying to bring him in and to set him down in front of Him.

Carrying their physical burdens first allows God to prepare their hearts for His **spiritual** work.

We are the body of Christ on earth. “We represent God with skin on in the earth.”

Isaiah 53:4 (NKJV) Surely He has borne our griefs and **carried** our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

Matthew 11:30 (NKJV) For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.”



Discussion Questions:

1. Share where you live and work. What is your favorite Fall sport? What teams are you rooting for right now?
2. What was the most meaningful aspect of the table experience from last week?
3. Being a restorer with God could sound intimidating? How can we be prepared to be restorers with God?
4. Trust is a valuable treasure that must be earned over time. What are some ways that people can develop trust in their relationships?
5. Four important characteristics for the restorer are courage, gentleness, discernment, and wisdom. Which of these characteristics are the most challenging in your perspective? Can you give an example of when one of these characteristics were not heeded?
6. Can you share an example where you saw someone serving in physical/practical ways and that led to spiritual needs being met over time?
7. Think and pray for someone God maybe leading you to bear one of his/her burdens. Pray for yourself to get rest in the arms of Jesus - His burden is light.