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When It Counts

Galatians 5:5-6; 6:15

When it counts, we want to do what matters.

What do we do in this life when it counts? (*Galatians 5:5*)

The hope of righteousness is now and in the future. (*Romans 8:23*)

When we eagerly wait, what do we do? (*Galatians 5:6a*)

- The Circumcised Life
- The Uncircumcised Life
- Meticulous Religion
- Disregard for God and His ways
- Survival Mode

If we are in survival mode when it counts, we fall short. (*Galatians 5:6b*)

What counts is faith expressing itself in love.

Faith - Trusting confidently in God's reliability

The Holy Spirit empowers our faith so that we can love. (*Galatians 5:22; 6:15*)

What counts is new creation.

The hope of righteousness and the new creation are speaking of the same thing.

One day God will right the wrongs of this world. One day God will make a new creation.

What do we do as we eagerly await this moment?

- We become new creations.
- What God did in Jesus, He will do in us.
- What God did in Jesus, He will do to the whole world.

Since this is our future, let's do what counts!

Big Idea: What counts is faith working through love. What counts is new creation.

Confess and God will cleanse us as we become new creations. (*1 John 1:9*)

Questions to Discuss

- When you are in survival mode, what is your default?
- What can you stop doing or start doing to get out of survival mode?
- What would love look like in a difficult situation in your life?

Memory Verse:

“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.” - Galatians 5:6 (ESV)

Further Study:

Read: Galatians 5:5-6; 6:15 in your group or with at least one other person.

1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.
2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.
3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.

Discuss:

1. What does the passage reveal about God?
2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?

Act:

1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?
2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week?
Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.