

THE ORANGE CONNECTION



FALL 2017 SERMON SERIES

9.10.17

Carl Medearis - Never Give Up

Join us Wednesday night 9.13.17 for dinner from 5:15-6:00 and sermon based small groups from 6:15-7:30.

1.) Have you ever given up or quit something? Was this a good thing or a regret in your life? Why?

2.) What are one or two common situations that you face in life which cause you to want to give up?

3.) What insight, principle, or observation from Carl's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Read Galatians 6:1-10

4.) What is the difference between "carry each other's burdens" (v.2) and "carry your own load" (v.5)? How do you describe the community versus the individual element of following Jesus as described in Galatians?

5.) How (specifically) does being in a good community of Jesus followers help you not give up?

6.) Why do you think we're so often tempted to give up on things that we know we shouldn't give up on?

Application

Read Galatians 5:13-14 and Galatians 6:2. "Seeing these verses next to each other shows us that "to serve one another" means to "carry each other's burdens." This brings the lofty concept of love down to earth. We are not to let people carry their burdens alone."¹

7.) What opportunities has God given you to help carry others burdens? Describe how you can specifically help this week.

8.) What opportunities has God given you to allow others to carry your burdens and support you? Share some ways people are supporting you or you need support this week or in the coming weeks?

After thinking about the burdens of others and your own, Apostle Paul and Carl Medearis' exhortation to never give up means we must be persistent in our efforts. Start by praying for those burdens and committing yourself in prayer for the next week.

¹Keller, Timothy. Galatians For You. 168.