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Sowing and Reaping - Galatians 6:7-9

1. We're all aware of the familiar sayings such as '*be careful because you will reap what you sow*' '*What goes around comes around*' - *Treat others, as you'd like to be treated.* Give some examples of how you have seen that happen in some people's lives.
2. Science is trying to find ways of reversing some of the laws of 'cause & effect'. Give some examples.
3. Our thoughts manifest as our words; our words manifest as our actions; our actions develop into habits; our habits harden into character. So watch your thoughts and your actions with care. Let them spring from love born out of concern for everyone. Discuss
4. What are you going to harvest (good and bad) from the seeds you are planting right now? Are you sowing seeds of obedience, compassion and service? Or seeds of rebellion and ill will that will produce shame, now and when Christ returns? Discuss
5. When many people think of the word 'Christian' the words generosity and compassion seldom come to their minds. They are more likely to use words like 'judgmental, hypocritical self centred'. Why is this?
6. Galatians 6:7-9 at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Sometimes things appear in a form we don't recognise as good fruit. We're expecting apples and we get potatoes. Sometimes the result of obedience is not an improvement in our circumstances...but a strengthening of our faith and a refining of our character. Can anyone share an example of how one of these things happened in their life?
7. Many overseas workers have served God for many years before there was any fruit from their ministry. It takes courage and a strong calling to endure in difficult circumstances. Tell us about a person who has served faithfully that you admire or support.
8. The law of love and grace supersedes the law of sowing and reaping. This is the promise of forgiveness and eternal life to all who place their faith in

Jesus. Although we may still experience the consequences of our actions in this world, Christ is forgiving and can ensure there is no harvest of judgement to believers in Him in the next life. Isn't that wonderful - are you looking forward to the next life?

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