When the Weight Has Purpose | Burdened | Week 2

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Group Discussion

1. When life gets busy or stressful, what's something you tend to take on that adds to your load, even when you probably don't need to?

2. The message reminds us that some burdens weigh us down, while others give our lives purpose. What is a responsibility you've carried that was difficult but also meaningful or helped you grow?

3. Galatians 6:2–5 talks about both carrying one another's burdens and carrying our own load. Why do you think it's important to understand the difference between helping someone and taking responsibility for something that is theirs to carry?

4. Of the three responses from the message feels most relevant to your life right now? What makes that one challenging for you?
    a. Pick it up (submission to Jesus' better way)
    b. Lay it down (surrender what doesn't fit or what you can't control)
    c. Share it (steward the burden God is giving you to help carry)

5. Think about someone in your life who may be carrying a heavy burden right now, or think of one of the great needs in the Niagara Region. What's one practical way you could help carry that weight in a way that supports and empowers them?

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for being gentle and humble in heart when you offer us rest in the middle of life's burdens. Help us recognize what that means for us. We want to recognize the responsibilities You have entrusted to us, but also surrender the weight we were never meant to carry and trust You with what we cannot control. Give us eyes to see those around us who need help, and hearts willing to carry their burdens with love, so that we can bring Your hope and compassion to others. Amen.