

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study

October 5, 2025

“Commitment” - #5 in the series
Open Hands: *Living as Generous People of God*

Scripture Texts (NIV): Galatians 6:1-10, John 8:12



1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. Consider the Swedish origin and meaning of the word *smorgasbord* - a “sandwich table” laden with a variety of small dishes or appetizers that precede the main meal.
 - How is the smorgasbord dining experience different from eating a meal from a pre-selected menu?
 - Why is a smorgasbord of options - whether foods, ideas, processes, or solutions - challenging for some and welcomed by others?
3. **Read Galatians 6:1-6.**

Paul addresses a variety of opportunities for supporting one another in the context of the faith community—a *smorgasbord* of responses to those in need as well as to our own spiritual needs.

 - How do these verses underscore the role of commitment in how we relate to our spiritual community?
 - As part of a faith community, how have you experienced commitment, both within yourself and from others?
4. **Read Galatians 6:7-10.**

It’s challenging to cultivate a deep commitment within our church community when we take a “smorgasbord” approach to our involvement.

 - What examples of a healthy commitment within Hope’s community have you observed?
 - What does commitment mean in other contexts in your life, such as relationships with family, friends, and neighbors?
5. **Read John 8:12.**
 - How do Jesus’ words encourage you to think about your commitment to the various contexts of your life?
 - How is commitment an in-depth investment?
6. How can we pray for you?