
HARVEST

Harvest Week # 1: The Power of the Sower's Seed



There is an abundant harvest that God is seeking to cultivate. It happens slowly, silently, steadily, all at God's direction in God's good timing. Too often we think that the parable of the harvest is about the soils. But it's really all about the Sower and the Seed.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share a time in your life that God cultivated a deep change. This could be related to healing, spiritual growth, new gifts/skills, leaving a habit or struggle behind, or greater depth in your spiritual journey. How long did the process of change take? What steps happened along the way?
2. On Sunday, Brian shared the Parable of the Sower from the perspective of the Sower and the power of the Sower's Seed. That the Seed belongs to the Sower who sows abundantly says much about the nature of God and what God desires to do in each one of us. Tonight, we are going to read about God's desire for us to sow our own seeds. **Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.**

Describe the principle of sowing and reaping in the passage. What does this principle say about God? What does the principle say about us? How does sowing in 2 Corinthians 9, mirror our passage from Sunday - Luke 8:4-8?

3. **Re-read 2 Corinthians 9:7.** The original context of this passage has to do with sowing financial seeds, and the application of it goes even further - serving, inviting, worship, leadership and the use of our gifts. If God sows without sparing anything, how does this passage challenge you - especially the notion of giving cheerfully? Do you struggle in this area? What changes might you be able to make to allow God the space in your life to sow new seeds?
4. (15 minutes) Break into groups of men and women. Find separate areas of your meeting space. Discuss: (a) How can you pray for and encourage one another in sowing abundantly as God has sown abundantly? (b) What one goal will you have this teaching series to sow more abundantly?
5. *Reconvene the group. Then re-read 2 Corinthians 9:12-15.* How will your sowing abundantly glorify God and build up the body of Christ this week?

BE THE REVOLUTION

Sowing abundantly is a reflection of the abundance we have already reaped.

RENOVATING THE HEART

Each one must give as they have decided in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver (*2 Corinthians 9:7*).