

WEEK 23: HOW TO SOW SEEDS

PRIMARY SCRIPTURE:

Luke 8:4-18 and 10:1-2

RELATED SCRIPTURES:

Matthew 13:1-15, Mark 4:1-12, Isaiah 55, Matthew 4:26-29,
John 15:4-6, 1 Corinthians 3:5-11, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

“There is a ripple effect to the gospel that’s inevitable. There’s a ripple effect to true grace. It doesn’t lead us to only sit and contemplate what happened to us. It leads us to proclaim what’s happened to us—and what can happen to anybody and everybody on the planet.”

- Louie Giglio, *Finish the Mission*

“The reality is, of course, as soon as you think seriously about it, that the mission field is everywhere, including your own street – wherever there is ignorance or rejection of the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

— Christopher J. H. Wright, *The Mission of God’s People: A Biblical Theology of the Church’s Mission*

PERSONAL STUDY:

Luke 10:1-2. What is God’s mission on earth? What are different expressions of God’s mission? Does it strike you as odd that Jesus says the main thing lacking is laborers? Why?

What are your gifts and strengths? How has God designed you specifically to join in His mission?

Read Luke 8:4-15. Which soil that Jesus mentions most accurately describes your life and how you are receiving God’s Word? Why would you say that?

What personal obstacles distract you or obstruct you from fully engaging in Jesus’ mission on planet earth?

Read Luke 8:9-15 and 1 Corinthians 3:5-7. How does Jesus’ description of the different types of soil inform the way we go about living on mission? What different responses should we expect as we sow seed? What fears and pressures does this relieve?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. Paul interweaves the ideas of cheerful monetary generosity (v. 7, 11, 12, 13) and faithful mission (v. 8, 10, 11, 12, 13). Why is the direction of our money a clear picture of what our hearts treasure?

Are you living a cheerfully generous life? Are you living a cheerfully missional life?

SERMON NOTES:



LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION:

Why does God’s call to mission frequently feel condemning, and guilt-trippy? How does the gospel actually motivate us to become everyday, ordinary missionaries?



Read Luke 8:4-15. Which soil best describes your life? What does it look like to “bear fruit with patience”?

Read Luke 8:16-18. What does hiding a lamp have to do with taking care how we hear God’s word?



Read Luke 10:1-2. Who has God put around us to pray for and invite into His kingdom?

Spend some time praying as a group for Jesus to show us opportunities to be involved in His harvest and to raise up more laborers for the gospel in Columbia and the world.

