

THE CHURCH WE SEE

LIVING REAL TOGETHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT STEPS:

- Lakeland Venue will be at the Lecture Theatre on April 15 & 22
- Team Night / Leaders Lab May 11 (Friday), 7:00PM Knox
- Baptism Bash May 13 (Sign up at the Next Steps Table)

PRAY TOGETHER

- For greater commitment to evangelizing and making disciples.
- For Mosaic's Vision of reaching 1000 people by 2019.
- For the TWO people you will reach and disciple this year.

FOCUS: We are planting or watering gospel seeds.

ICE BREAKER: Do you have a green thumb? What have you ever grown anything from a seed?

READ: 2 Corinthians 9:6; 1 Corinthians 3:4–6

REVIEW: LIFE - GIVING FARMERS

1. You reap what you sow. If you sow the gospel, you will reap souls. You can't reap where you haven't sown, and many people aren't reaping simply because they're not sowing. Share your faith everywhere you go!

2. You reap after you sow. You must share the gospel to reap souls! When we share the gospel, we may be sowing the seed, watering the seed, or harvesting the seed. But remember, God is the one who brings people to salvation. Don't let the devil tell you that you have failed if a person doesn't accept Jesus. Winning souls is God's business.

3. You reap more than you sow. If you sow one apple seed, do you get back one apple? No! You get back a whole tree filled with apples. It's the same with witnessing. We will reap souls for Christ abundantly if we have sown abundantly. We can expect a large harvest!

DISCUSS:

1. When you plant seeds, does every seed sprout? In the same way, when you share the gospel with others, will everyone respond positively? How can we respond to those who respond negatively or don't seem to care?
2. If we want to see many people come to Christ, will we sow sparingly or abundantly? How can we sow abundantly?
3. There are five basic points to the gospel. What are they? And why are they crucial for you and the person you're reaching to know?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 3:4–6. Who saves souls or gives the increase?
5. According to John 4:36, who will rejoice together? When we share the gospel, we may be _____ the seed, _____ the seed, or we may be _____ the seed.
6. How can we reap more souls than we sow in sharing the gospel?
7. What is the best way to follow up a person who has just received Jesus? How can we help them grow? Who is/are responsible for that person's growth? How can you do this effectively?

As we conclude, remember the following:

- We need to get in the habit of sharing our faith.
- We need to know the gospel so we can share with others. The gospel: (1) God became a man in Jesus Christ. (2) He lived the life we couldn't live. (3) He died the death we should've died. (4) And three days later He rose from the grave proving that He is the Son of God. (5) He offers forgiveness of sins and eternal life to all who will repent and believe.
- We may never know, this side of heaven, how many souls are in heaven because we planted seeds.

Group Dynamics Idea. In the first week of this series, we practiced sharing our stories. Allow time for group members to pair up and practice using their testimony in conversation.

PRAY (See the items above)