

Consider It

What work does the farmer do in these two parables (Mark 4:3-4, 26-29)?

What is the seed (Mark 4:14)?

What life-giving seeds do we have to sow?

- Mark 4:14
- Mark 5:18-20
- John 4:39-42
- Romans 1:16

What does the farmer do to cause the seed to germinate and grow (Mark 4:27-28)?

Who causes the seed of the gospel to germinate and grow in the life of the hearer (1 Corinthians 3:6-7)?

How do these parables encourage us to share the gospel?

What work does a farmer do before planting the seed (Isaiah 28:23-26)?

How would cultivating relationships with people benefit our sharing (sowing) the gospel message?

Live It

Who will you pray for and cultivate a relationship with for the sake of their spiritual well-being?

What has the Lord done for you? How has He shown you mercy? Who will you tell this week?

Vision 2020 in Three Words

Seek! Serve! SOW!

Sow Life-giving Words

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Sermon Proposition

Advance God's Kingdom Vision for All People by Sowing Life-Giving Words in Well-Cultivated Soil.

Advance God's Kingdom Vision for All People

Mark 1:15

Mark 4:26-29

Mark 4:30-34

Revelation 5:9-10

Mark 5:18-20

By Sowing Life-Giving Words

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Romans 1:16 (NIV)

in Well-Cultivated Soil.

Mark 4:13-20 and Isaiah 28:23-29

Vision 20/20 in Three Words
"Sow Life-giving Seeds"
Mark 4:26-29
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The farmer sows the word.

Mark 4:14 (NIV)

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

Mark 4:26–29 (NIV)

Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear what I say. ²⁴ When a farmer plows for planting, does he plow continually? Does he keep on breaking up and working the soil? ²⁵ When he has leveled the surface, does he not sow caraway and scatter cumin? Does he not plant wheat in its place, barley in its plot, and spelt in its field? ²⁶ His God instructs him and teaches him the right way. ²⁷ Caraway is not threshed with a sledge, nor is the wheel of a cart rolled over cumin; caraway is beaten out with a rod, and cumin with a stick. ²⁸ Grain must be ground to make bread; so one does not go on threshing it forever. The wheels of a threshing cart may be rolled over it, but one does not use horses to grind grain. ²⁹ All this also comes from the LORD Almighty, whose plan is wonderful, whose wisdom is magnificent.

Isaiah 28:23–29 (NIV)

Open It

What is your most disappointing or satisfying experience with growing things from seed?