## **Open It**

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

# **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?

## Life-Changing Words

Seek! Serve! Sow! December 26 & 27, 2020

#### **Sermon Proposition**

Accept the challenge. Let three words shape the expression of your faith in the New Year.

Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Psalm 105:3–4 (NIV) Serve Others..... 1 Peter 4:10-11

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to **serve others**, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

**My Next Step** I will SEEK the Lord by....

I will SERVE Others by ...

Sow the Word...... Mark 4:3, 14

*Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. The farmer sows the word.* Mark 4:3, 14 (NIV)

I will SOW the Word by...