

SEEDS

THE SEARCH FOR THE RIGHT HEART - Part 2

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WORSHIP (15 MINS)

Venue: Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.

Venue: Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or Via Online,

Testimonies: "What is your "high" or "your "low" this past week?"

Ask someone to do the opening prayer.

WELCOME (10 MINS)

Welcome guests/first-time visitors.

Ice-breaker: As Christians, where are we today in our spiritual growth? Are we more like: a "spiritual child," "spiritual young adult," or a "spiritual parent"?

WORD (30-45 MINS)

Main Text: Read Mark 4:26-29 NLT, Mark 4:14 NLT

Intro: In the Gospels, the Kingdom of God is portrayed as a farmer planting seeds, seeking receptive hearts and minds (the 'right soil') for His word. Jesus calls upon us, His people, to not only nurture His words within ourselves but also to actively sow the seeds of His word in the hearts and minds of others. Planting the "seed" of God's word in our hearts and minds leads to a life that loves God and others. The results of the seed of God's word that we personally plant and grow into maturity in our hearts and minds are seeds we sow to others. According to the Bible, this involves two main actions:

1. Sow the seed of God's Word through evangelism- Read Mark 16:15-16 NLT

Evangelism, which is sharing the Gospel of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection for the salvation of sinners from sin and its consequences, is the first step of spiritual sowing. When you preach or share the Word, you are planting seeds that the Holy Spirit can grow in the hearts of listeners. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a powerful seed—one that gives the salvation people desperately need. **"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

Q: Who in your life today might be "good soil" ready for a gospel seed?

Q: What fears stop you from sharing Jesus, and how can God help you overcome them?

Q: What's one simple, non-awkward way you could share your faith this week?

2. Sow the seed of God's Word through discipleship – Read Matthew 28:18-20

Discipleship is the second stage of sowing. After someone hears and responds to the Gospel, they need to grow in understanding and living out God's Word.

Sowing through discipleship means:

- Teaching believers the truths of Scripture so that their faith becomes strong and mature.
- Training/ mentoring them to obey Jesus' teachings and follow His example.
- Walking with them mentoring, encouraging, and guiding them in their spiritual journey.

Jesus is clear with the Great Commission, every disciple must go and make disciples of other people. *If you are a new Christian, you must be involved in fellowship, evangelism and being discipled by mature believers. But at a certain time while being discipled by mature believers, sooner not later, you must be helping others in their walk with the Lord.*

Q: Who has discipled or shaped your spiritual life the most? What made them effective?

Q: Who is one person you could intentionally invest in spiritually this year?

Q: How can you encourage other believers to sow into the lives of others and lead these people to Jesus?

Reflection:

British pastor and Theologian John Stott once said, **"The Gospel is only good news if it reaches people in time."**

This generation, our generation is full of people hungry for meaning, identity, belonging, and truth and God has entrusted us with the message that changes everything.

As Christians, we grow in stages:

Stage 1: we encounter Christ when we get born again

Stage 2: we enjoy fellowship with other believers in church or life group

Stage 3: we become outward-focused in sharing the gospel,

Stage 4: we help/disciple/mentor other new or young believers grow and mature in their faith especially through personal and small-group discipleship.

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Conclusion: We may not be preaching on a stage. We may never write a book. But we can sow seeds of the gospel. One seed can change a soul, and one soul can change a family, and one family can change a generation. Evangelism is not only for preachers. It is for every Christian. St. Francis of Assisi encouraged ordinary believers farmers, workers, merchants, mothers, young people to "preach" through their daily conduct. **"We have been preaching all along. Preach the gospel at all times; if necessary, use words."**

Our workplaces, our neighborhood, our homes, and our relationships are all pulpits. Words are important but they must come from a transformed life. *"Jesus came and told his disciples ("mathetes" - student), "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)*

WORK(15 MINS)

Application

1. Find a partner. Ask what you can pray for him/her then pray for each other.
2. Pray and prepare a Hit List (max. of 5-10 names of family, relatives, friends, schoolmates, workmates, neighbors, etc.) of possible people you desire to invite in the next life group gathering.