

Ready, Set, Sow!

Committed to sowing for a harvest from the Spirit
Small Groups Spring 2009

Introduction

Congratulations – you’ve made it to our last set of three small group lessons before our summer break. Thank you each one for committing to our small groups.

We are going to be talking about being committed to sowing for a harvest from the Spirit.

Galatians 6:7-10 says,

7) Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. 8) For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9) Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. 10) So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

This week we are going to be looking at verses 7 and 8 of Galatians 6.

You Reap What You Sow

We’ve all heard that expression, “you reap what you sow”. Tonight let’s examine our hearts to truly seek what we are sowing and see if they are things sown to the flesh or things sown to the Spirit.

Sowing is planting. This is spring – a time for planting. What are the keys to good gardening from those of you with a green thumb? What are the absolute “no-no’s” of gardening?

Gardening is much like our spiritual life.

What are real life ways we can sow/plant toward our flesh? (for example: an uncontrolled temper that resulted in family division.)

Likewise, how can we sow/plant toward the Spirit? What is the reaping that usually occurs?

Sowing with a *view* to what we reap

Read **Hosea 10:12**. We must have a *view* to righteousness when we are sowing. When we are looking to the final eternal outcome, we are sowing to the Spirit. When we are looking selfishly, we are sowing to the flesh.

What are ways we can have a *view* to righteousness when we are sowing?

How do I make sure my life is focused and intentional rather than random?

How do you intentionally sow eternal truths into your marriage and family?

Verses of Reaping what you Sow

We are going to look at several verses that deal with reaping what you sow. These are going to point to a lot of different areas in our lives. Go around the circle reading the passage. Then, quickly find the general concept of “if you...” (that which you sow) and the “then you will...” (that which you reap) for each verse.

Proverbs 22:6

Proverbs 3:9-10

Isaiah 58:6-12

Proverbs 1:28-33

Matthew 6:19-21

Diligence in Sowing

Read **Ecclesiastes 11:6**. What does this passage have to say about diligence in planting?

How does accountability to others help?

Spend time in prayer

Pray for one another and especially for faithful, committed hearts in each one.