



The Natural Growth of the Kingdom.

Sow, all by itself, reap.

Mark 4:26-29

Table Talkers

- Can you think of examples of nature taking its course?
- Can we stand against or overcome nature?
- Why do we think we know better than God?

The Sower has a unique part to play.

- A Task for Disciples
- A Task that requires confidence in the Gospel
- A Task that requires confidence in my relationship with the Lord
- Like the Sower we can sow widely and trust the Lord of the Harvest
- The Fields are white: where are the workers?

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- How do you sow the gospel: give examples?
- Am I confident of the seed I am sowing?
- Where might my unique part of sowing be?
- Am I a grim reaper or a joyful one? Does my life display His life?

It's the Seed that's important

- Within it is Life
- Within it is Power
- It's the seed of the gospel
- Seed is also personified in Jesus and in us
- John 12:24
- When Christ calls a Man He bids him come and die: Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Joyful Reaper reaps

- We are not all Evangelists but we are all witnesses
- Reaping goes along with caring for the harvest
- Reaping goes along with another sowing
- Reaping requires discernment and watching for the work of the Holy Spirit (the secret growth of the Kingdom)

All By Itself!!!!

- A Biblical principle
- 1 Timothy 5:24
- Naturally Supernatural
- Growing Christians: put themselves in the place of trusting God totally.
- Growing Churches: do what they do well and God brings the growth.

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- Does 'all by itself' mean we have no responsibility?
- Think about the ways in which we can sow/reap today
- Will I get involved in facilitating an 'all by itself' Alpha Course after Easter? If so tell Chris or Abi.

Breaking Bread

- Recalling His seed sown into our lives.
- Praising God for His secret growth in our lives as we have stayed close to Him
- Expressing a desire to be in the place of reaping and discipling new Christians: tender shoots as they grow stronger and start sowing themselves.
- Praying for those individuals we secretly stand in the gap for and break bread for