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Matt. 13: 3-9 and Mark 4:29

Parable of the Farmer



GO AND TELL

READ Matthew 13:3-9 and Mark 4:29

- ▢ Read the text at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- ▢ What do you observe in the text? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have from the text? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are.
- ▢ Reflect on the sermon from the weekend regarding this passage. What aspects or truths from the sermon left an impression on you and why?

INVESTIGATE & APPLY

(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the scripture)

- ▢ 1. What was your main take-a-way from this weekend's sermon? Why? Share this with your group
- ▢ 2. In Matthew 28:10 Jesus gave a call to his followers to "go and tell." These are some of the first words Jesus spoke after the resurrection.

Since these are the first words He spoke to his follower it seems they are important to Jesus and the ministry of God. Why would these words be important to Jesus? Share are these words important and relevant to the continued plan of God today?

- ▢ 3. When Jesus said, "Go," there would have been an understanding of it meaning "wherever you may go" or "wherever you may find yourself."

With your group, talk about and share the places you will find yourself this week. Let the words of Jesus be clear. You are called to "Go and Tell," to "go and scatter seed in that soil," in that field, in that place. Will you do it? Take time and go around as a group and talk about the one place and one person you will tell the story to. Take time to pray for each person who will be hearing the story.

Things to remember: 1) it's not for you to create belief, your calling is to just scatter seed. 2) It will probably be a journey of telling the story to the person and not a one time event. 3) Remember, the Holy Spirit makes the belief (seed taking root). 4) You are not called to be perfect, or to have all the right answers. 5) You are filled with the Holy Spirit to speak and to do the work of the ministry of God.

Go and be a farmer.