

## WEEK 8: FEBRUARY 15-21

### DISCIPLESHIP GROUP LESSON

#### MEETING AGENDA



1. **OPENING PRAYER** - Ask one person to open the meeting in prayer.
2. **GROWTH QUESTIONS** - Ask everyone the Growth Questions.
3. **ATTENDANCE**- Take attendance through the DG Attendance System.
4. **TODAY'S LESSON** - Go over this week's DG lesson.
5. **GIVING** - Encourage everyone to give on the App.
6. **CLOSING PRAYER** - Ask for prayer requests and pray.



#### GROWTH QUESTION #1

Who would like to share a highlight, praise report, or testimony from this week?



#### GROWTH QUESTION #2

What did you learn from this week's sermon?



#### GROWTH QUESTION #3

What was your most important accomplishment this week?

## A FARMER SCATTERS SEED

#### TODAY'S PASSAGE:

**Luke 8:4-15 (NLT)** One day Jesus told a story in the form of a parable to a large crowd that had gathered from many towns to hear him: 5 "A farmer went out to plant his seed. As he scattered it across his field, some seed fell on a footpath, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it. 6 Other seed fell among rocks. It began to grow, but the plant soon wilted and died for lack of moisture. 7 Other seed fell among thorns that grew up with it and choked out the tender plants. 8 Still other seed fell on fertile soil. This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted!" When he had said this, he called out, "Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand." 9 His disciples asked him what this parable meant. 10 He replied,

*“You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of God. But I use parables to teach the others so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled: ‘When they look, they won’t really see. When they hear, they won’t understand.’ 11 “This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is God’s word. 12 The seeds that fell on the footpath represent those who hear the message, only to have the devil come and take it away from their hearts and prevent them from believing and being saved. 13 The seeds on the rocky soil represent those who hear the message and receive it with joy. But since they don’t have deep roots, they believe for a while, then they fall away when they face temptation. 14 The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity. 15 And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God’s word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.*



### OPENING QUESTION

What stands out to you in this story?

### INTRODUCTION

- At first glance, this parable seems to focus on different types of people (soils).
- But the real emphasis is on the seed (the Word of God) and the farmer (the sower).
- Jesus is teaching us about how the Kingdom of God advances.
- The question isn’t just, “What kind of soil am I?” but also, “What kind of sower am I becoming?”
- This passage encourages us both personally (heart condition) and missionally (faithfulness in sharing).



### TRUTH #1

GOD KNOWS THE CONDITION OF  
OUR HEARTS, BUT HE NEVER STOPS  
SENDING HIS WORD!

**Luke 8:11 (NLT) – This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is God’s word.**

- Jesus makes clear that the seed represents the Word of God (v. 11). The power is in the seed itself.
- The farmer scatters seed on all types of soil—hard, shallow, crowded, and good (v. 5–8). God does not withhold His Word based on heart condition.
- God already knows the outcome, yet He still sows generously. His grace comes before we are even ready!
- Even the hardened soil receives seed. God continues reaching out to us even when our hearts are resistant.
- The Bible says He sends mercy every day!

**Lamentations 3:22–23 (ICB) - 22 The Lord’s love never ends. His mercies never stop. 23 They are new every morning. Lord, your loyalty is great.**

- He doesn’t just do it once; he keeps on throwing seeds. This demonstrates God’s patience and mercy toward people no matter what their spiritual state.
- God wants everyone to repent and receive His Word!

**2 Peter 3:9 (NLT) - The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise... He is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.**



#### INTERACTIVE QUESTION

Have you ever felt like you needed more than one chance in life?  
How does it make you feel knowing God keeps giving us multiple chances?



#### TRUTH #2

**NO MATTER THE CONDITION OF HEARTS,  
OUR JOB IS TO SCATTER THE SEED!**

**Luke 8:5 (NLT) – A farmer went out to plant his seed. As he scattered it across his field...**

- The farmer's responsibility is simple: scatter seed.
- He does not evaluate each patch of soil before sowing. He simply sows seed.
- Jesus is telling this parable to a very large crowd (v. 4). This crowd included people just like the soils He was describing – some hard-hearted, some immature, some worried, and some open.
- He was modeling the very principle He was teaching.
- Share God's word boldly. Don't worry about how it is received!
- The condition of the soil is not our responsibility. Our calling is to preach the Word!
- Some seed will appear wasted, but a faithful farmer keeps scattering seed.
- Evangelism and discipleship require consistency. We preach whether hearts seem open or closed.

**2 Timothy 4:2 (NIV) – Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.**

- We sow in season and out of season!



**INTERACTIVE QUESTION**

Have you ever held back from sharing something because you weren't sure how someone would respond? How can we learn to overcome this fear when it comes to sharing the Gospel?



**TRUTH #3**

**THE WORD OF GOD ALWAYS PRODUCES A HARVEST!**

**Luke 8:8, 15 (NLT) – 8 “Still other seed fell on fertile soil. This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted!” When he had said this, he called out, “Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand...” 15 “And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God’s word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.”**

- The Word of God (the seed) never changes. It always has power!
- The power is inherent in the Word. It’s not dependent on our ability.
- When the Word finds receptive soil, the result is exponential — “a hundred times as much” (v. 8).
- The parable ends with multiplication, not loss. Jesus emphasizes harvest, not failure.
- Even when some seed appears unproductive at first, the Word remains alive and active – and it ultimately triumphs.

**Hebrews 4:12 (AMP) - For the word of God is living and active and full of power [making it operative, energizing, and effective]...**

- God guarantees that His Word accomplishes its purpose.

**Isaiah 55:11 (NIV) - So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.**



### INTERACTIVE QUESTION

Where have you seen God’s Word produce fruit—either in your life or in someone else’s?

### CONCLUSION

1. God knows every heart, and He never gives up.
2. He never stops speaking, and neither should we! Our job is to keep on scattering seed!
3. God’s Word always brings a harvest!



## CLOSING QUESTION

What's one thing you learned today that you can apply to your life this week?

## GIVING



**The ministry of giving meets the needs of others, impacts lives, and results in joyous expressions of thanks to God, becoming a tangible demonstration of obedience to the transformative message of Christ.**

### **2 Corinthians 9:12-13 (NLT)**

12 So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.13 As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.

*Encourage everyone to give their tithes and offerings.*

## PRAYER



### **QUESTION #1**

Who are you praying for to be saved?



### **QUESTION #2**

Who can you invite to the next meeting?



### **QUESTION #3**

What are your prayer requests?