



# encounter.

a step-by-step guide through Scripture

## **disciple:**

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

**01** Print the PDF.

-or-

**02** Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.

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**03** Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

### **5 Marks of a Disciple**

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of July 31<sup>th</sup> // Conversation: August 6<sup>th</sup>  
**The Parable of the Farmer Scattering the Seed**



We are returning to our study in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus often taught using parables or simple stories to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson. This section of scripture is known as the Parable of the Farmer Scattering Seed or the Sower.

## pray.

Prayer always takes place before these devotions are written. Before you begin to study them, ask Him to speak to you from His Word. Ask Him to meet you where you're at in your walk with Him. Ask Him for an open heart and mind.

## observe.

Luke wrote his gospel to provide a careful description of the events of Christ's life in chronological order. He alternates stories that reveal Jesus' character and expectations for His followers with calls for His hearers to follow Him.

- 01** Using your favorite color, mark any reference to God or the Lord with a .
- 02**  any form of the word, seed.
- 03** List the four different places where the seed landed.



**Luke 8:4-15 (NLT)**

<sup>4</sup> 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:

<sup>5</sup> “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. <sup>6</sup> Other seed fell among rocks. It began to grow, but the plant soon wilted and died for lack of moisture. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns that grew up with it and choked out the tender plants. <sup>8</sup> 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.”

<sup>9</sup> His disciples asked him what this parable meant.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> “This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is God’s word. <sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>15</sup> 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.



# interpret.

**01** In this parable, what does the seed represent? (Hint: vs. 11)

**02** In verse 10, which group of people are permitted to understand Jesus' parable?

**03** According to verse 15, which of the seeds do you think is a call to believe for salvation?

# apply.

**01** Why do you think Jesus used parables to teach lessons to the people? Do they help you better understand his teachings?

**02** Reflect on any experiences you've had planting seeds.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

<sup>6</sup> I (Paul) planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. <sup>7</sup> So neither he who plants, nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

# bring it together.

Jesus often used parables to teach His lessons.

Not everyone who heard His parables was able to understand them.

As many of His audience were farmers, He used the illustration of the seed, hoping more would understand His call for salvation.

Jesus' hope is that those who hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

## connect.

We are available to answer any questions you might have.

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