Study Guide 2024 – The Year of More Part 3 Pastor Bobby Davis

Galatians 6:7 (NKJV)

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

Everyone will receive more in 2024 – what we receive more of is entirely up to us. What we *sow* is what we will *grow*.

Read Galatians 6:8

What are the two natures that every Christian has inside of them?

What will you reap if you sow to your sinful nature?

What will you reap if you sow to your spiritual nature?

Everyone who is born again has two natures – the nature that we nourish will flourish. The nature we feed will lead.

Read Galatians 5:16-23

Which nature are you nourishing the most?

Read Luke 17:20-21; Mark 4:30-31; Mark 4:32

When the kingdom of God is sown into our heart by the Holy Spirit, it starts off very small. However, as we sow into the kingdom, the small seed planted there by the Spirit begins to grow until it becomes larger than anything else in our life.

<u>Is there anything in your life currently that is larger (takes more of your attention/focus)</u> than the kingdom of God?

We can grow the kingdom seed inside of us by sowing into the kingdom of God daily.

There are four ways that we can sow into the kingdom of God:

- 1. God's Scripture
 - a. To sow and grow God's Scripture, we must balance technology with theology.
 - b. Read 1 Peter 2:2
 - i. How often are you sowing God's Scripture into your heart?
 - ii. <u>If you ate *physically* the same as you eat *spiritually*, how healthy would you be?</u>
 - c. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- 2. God's Spirit
 - a. To grow we must sow to God's Spirit.
 - b. Read Galatians 6:8
 - c. Read Romans 8:12-13
 - i. How do you correct bad habits and old, sinful patterns?
 - ii. <u>Is your focus on stopping bad behavior, or is your focus on pursuing</u> God?
 - d. Read Isaiah 40:31
 - i. What does it mean to "wait" on the Lord?
 - e. Just like an eagle waits for a current so it can soar for miles without exerting its own strength, we must learn to catch the current of the Spirit if we want to soar.
 - i. Read 1:4-5
 - ii. **Read Acts 2:1-4**
- 3. God's Saints
 - a. The church was most powerful in the beginning (in the book of Acts).
 - b. Average church attendance in America is twice a month.
 - i. Are you above average, below average, or average?
 - ii. Why was the church of Acts so much stronger than the church today?
 - c. Read 1 Corinthians 12:7-11
 - i. Why is it so important for us (the church) to come together and worship corporately?
 - d. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12 and 12:27
 - i. How important is it for you to be connected to a church body?
 - ii. What is one way that you can get connected better if you feel like you're not connected well?
- 4. God's Service
 - a. Read Ephesians 4:7 and Romans 12:6
 - i. How important is it for us to use our gifts to serve the church and our community?
 - ii. Are you currently serving somewhere within the church?
 - b. Read 2 Samuel 11:1-2
 - i. Have you ever found yourself out of place like David was?
 - ii. How does using our gifts for the good of the church help keep us in God's grace?
 - **c.** Pastor Bobby reminded us that God has dream, and that we often forsake God's dream in the pursuit of our own dreams.
 - i. Are you pursuing God's dream or your own dream?
 - ii. How can you pursue God's dream?