

PART 3: Growing

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START

We all love a good story. Whether it's a true story or fictional story. Our life experiences are shared through stories, and we form meaningful relationships by listening to other people's stories.

- What's one of your favorite fictional stories?
- What's one of your favorite stories from your life?

READ

[Mark 4:28-29](#) (NIV)

All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

THINK

In the parable of the growing seed we see that there is life in the seed and the soil makes the seed grow. In this parable Jesus is talking about the Kingdom of God.

- What do you think of when you hear the phrase “Kingdom of God?”
- How is the Kingdom of God something we experience presently?

Dan mentioned there are two things we can hold onto out of this parable. As Christ followers, we are to sow seeds and harvest the crops. We sow by telling the story of Jesus, telling our stories of encountering Jesus, and showing kindness. We harvest by endorsing growth, engaging people, equipping people, empowering people, and encouraging people.

- How are you currently sowing seeds?
- How can you engage and invite people during this time?
- Where have you found the most encouragement in your faith journey, and how have you encouraged others?

PRAY

Pray that God will continually make you sensitive to where you need to sow and harvest in the lives of others.

ACT

This week, sow a seed in someone's life by sharing your story of what Jesus has done in your life, and harvest by endorsing, engaging, equipping, empowering, or encouraging someone in their growth.

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