



MATTHEW 13:3-9

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KINGDOM CULTURE

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Planting Kingdom Culture: Cultivating Ground for the Harvest

Day 1: Preparing the Ground

Reading: Matthew 13:3-9

Devotional: Before a farmer ever drops a single seed into the earth, he works the ground. He breaks it up, removes stones, pulls weeds, and turns over hard-packed soil. Kingdom work is no different. God calls you to prepare yourself before you can prepare others. That preparation happens through prayer, worship, and time spent in His Word. You cannot cultivate ground in someone else's life that you have not first allowed God to cultivate in your own. Ask yourself today: Is my heart prepared soil? Am I giving God the time and space to till the hard places within me so that His Word can take deep root?

Day 2: Rooted and Unshakeable

Reading: Colossians 2:6-7, which describes believers being rooted and built up in Christ, established in faith, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Devotional: Shallow roots cannot survive a storm. The stony-ground hearer receives the Word with joy but has no depth, and when trials arrive, faith withers. This is not a story about someone who never heard the gospel. It is a story about someone who never went deep enough to hold on when life pressed hard. Depression, fear, failure, and loss are real. They will come. But a believer who is rooted in daily prayer, Scripture, and genuine worship will not be swept away. Your roots are built in the quiet moments with God. Do not neglect them. The storm is always closer than you think.

Day 3: Clearing the Thorns

Reading: Luke 8:14, in which Jesus explains that some seed falls among thorns, representing those who hear but are choked out by life's worries, riches, and pleasures, and never mature.

Devotional: Thorns do not announce themselves. They creep in slowly, winding around what is good until growth is impossible. The distractions of daily life, entertainment, financial anxiety, and the endless noise of the world are not always sinful in themselves, but when they crowd out God, they become thorns. The question is never whether you enjoy good things. The question is what comes first. When was the last time you turned off the television, silenced the phone, and simply sat in God's presence? Clearing thorns requires intentional pruning. What in your life needs to be cut back today so that God's Word has room to grow and bear fruit?

Day 4: The Call to Sow

Reading: Matthew 9:37-38, where Jesus tells His disciples that the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few, and urges them to pray for the Lord to send out workers into His harvest field.

Devotional: The field does not harvest itself. Someone has to go. The Great Commission recorded in Matthew 28:19-20 is not a suggestion reserved for pastors and missionaries. It is a command given to every believer. You are called to be a laborer, not a spectator. That calling does not require a platform or a title. It requires willingness. It means speaking to the hard-hearted coworker, praying over the difficult neighbor, and loving the person everyone else has written off. The harvest is ready. The statistics are staggering. The need is urgent. Do not stand at the edge of the field staring. Pick up the plow and go.

Day 5: The Promise of the Harvest

Reading: John 4:35-36, where Jesus tells His disciples to open their eyes and see that the fields are already ripe for harvest, and that the reaper is already receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life.

Devotional: There is a reward coming. Not every seed you plant will produce fruit you can see this side of heaven. You may speak a word to someone and never know what became of it. You may pray over ground that looks unchanged for years. But God does not forget faithful labor. The promise is that both the one who sows and the one who reaps will one day rejoice together. Press on. Keep tilling. Keep planting. Keep watering. Your work is not invisible to God. One day, in eternity, you will stand in the fullness of that harvest and understand completely why it was worth every difficult, sweaty, faithful day.