

Seed Sower #4

Pray: Lord, show us the power of your seed.

Read: 1 Peter 1:22-25; Romans 10:17; Hebrews 4:12; Isaiah 55:11

The sower must know the kinds of soil and the need for gardeners. He must recognize his dependence upon God for results and the quality of the seed he is planting. This lesson is a study of the seed you are to plant in the hearts and minds of men. Discover the power of this seed as you study this lesson.

Memo: The soils are the hearts of men (Luke 8:12-15). The gardeners are those who witness and teach (plant and water) the Word of God to men (1 Cor. 3:6). The seed is the Word of God (Luke 8:11).

FIRST, study 1 Peter 1:22-25

1. How does Peter describe the Word of God? How were we born-again? (v.23)

Peter is referring to the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit and the living, enduring Word of God. Practically speaking, when we heard the Gospel and received it, confessing our sins, God forgave us and instantaneously sent His Spirit to regenerate us into new spiritual beings. In other words, you and I were “born again.” This text tells us that the “seed” that has produced this new life in us is the Word of God through the power of Gods Holy Spirit

3. How do we know the Word of God (seed) has taken root in a responsive heart (soil)? (v.22)

The new birth brings inner purity which is manifested in love for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Such love proves itself by meeting others at the point of their need.

4. What kind of seed (Word) has God given you to plant? (v. 25)

SECOND, turn to Romans 10:17.

5. What does the Word of God produce? What must happen for faith to grow? (v.17)

In God’s ordinary means of operating, people do not come to saving faith in Jesus unless they either read the Bible or someone tells them the Gospel message that is in it. It is the Word of God that the Holy Spirit uses to awaken a response in us, and it is the reliability of the word of God; on which we rest our faith for salvation. The words of scripture are the words of eternal–life. (Discuss)

THIRD, study Hebrews 4:12.

6. How does Hebrews 4:12 describe the Word? It is:

7. What is the Word of God able to do? (v.12)

Notice that the Word as described here is more like a surgeon's knife with ability to diagnose problems and repair lives.

FOURTH, look at Isaiah 55:11.

8. What does God say about His Word? (Discuss)

These verses are only a few of the many that indicate the dynamic power of the Word of God. Your task is to plant this life changing seed in the soil of human hearts. Planting and watering are the tasks of men. Growth and development belong to God. His Word will not fail! It will take root in every responsive heart.

Pray together; ask the Lord to help you to realize the power of His Word when planted in responsive soil.

