

Response Guide: “The Story of Secret Growth”

For week of 5/24/20

Scripture:

The Parable of the Growing Seed

26 He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground.

27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. **28** All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. **29** As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

Questions for Discussion:

1.) In his message, Pastor Bob said that “Every act of surrender is the fertilizer of the work God desire to do in us.”

Do you agree with this? How have you seen many acts of surrender in your life open up doors for great fruit?

2.) At the end of the passage, Jesus uses the imagery of the grain being harvested by a sickle and being brought into the barn. This implies that in order for God’s best outcome to come to fruition, a death process has to occur.

What is something you are holding onto/are unwilling to let go? How might it be restricting how God wants to move in your life?

3.) So many people would rather be working than waiting. But, this parable shows us that waiting is where growth in the kingdom of God takes place. We have to plant a seed and let God grow it.

Are you more comfortable working than waiting? What does a period of “waiting” on God look like for you in this season? What things do you need to stop trying to control?

Prayer:

Spend some time praying for the grace to *surrender* control in our lives. Pray for discernment and the confidence in God to be patient in his process.