

NEXT STEPS





"We Plant Seeds"

Matthew 13:1-9 & 16-23

Questions to Dig Deeper:

- 1. In the parable, the farmer scatters seed extravagantly—even in places where it seems unlikely to grow. What might it look like for us, personally and as a church, to plant seeds prodigally?
- 2. Jesus reminds us that we plant seeds, but God is the one who makes them grow. Where in your life do you struggle to release control and trust God with the results?
- 3. Bill emphasized that ministry is not measured by "bucks and butts" but by faithfulness and transformation. How does this challenge the way we normally measure success—in church, in work, or even in relationships?
- 4. How does being rooted in Christ empower us to keep planting seeds even when we don't immediately see fruit?
- 5. As we look back on 25 years of God's faithfulness, where do you see evidence of seeds that were planted long ago now bearing fruit? And looking ahead, what "new soil" might God be calling us to plant in next?