

A farmer went out to plant his seed...

What is a hundred-fold harvest?

Luke 8:1-15

The harvest is:

His spirit Galatians 5:22-23

Power Hebrews 4:12

Direction Proverbs 16:9

Healing Psalms 107: 20

Freedom Luke 4:18

Influence 1 Chronicles 4:10

NEXT STEPS

Use these notes to turn a message into a conversation. Join with one person or many and continue to grow by using these next steps this week.

MY STORY

Take a harvest inventory of your life. Be honest and look closely.

How would you describe the fruit in your life?

How would others describe the fruit in your life?

What barriers can you identify in your life that may be preventing a full harvest?

GOING DEEPER

1. We heard this week that a fruitful harvest is having our life reflect the character of God. Yet, really knowing what that looks like can still be a bit confusing. After reading the following verses, how would you expand the definition of what reflecting the character of God looks like?

- Psalm 25:8

- Psalm 86:10

- Psalm 116:5

- Psalm 103:6-13

2. Good Soil needs to be worked to remain fruitful. How do the following verses affirm and motivate a person to know that the cost of Good soil that produces a hundred-fold harvest is well worth it?

- 2 Timothy 3:12-15

- 2 Peter 1:5-9

- Hebrews 10:32-39

3. Spiritual growth and maturity is often accelerated under difficult circumstances. In Paul's letter to the Thessalonians (see 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10), he describes what spiritual growth looks like in the midst of "severe suffering." After reading the passage, jot down how Paul describes the faith of the Thessalonians, himself and his friends.

What is most attractive to you about their faith? How do you think they were able to mature in such a trying situation?

TAKING IT HOME

God produces a harvest 100 times greater than the seed in our life for a purpose. The reason for the excessive abundance is so we can share it with others.

Prayerfully consider whom you can share your abundant life with.

Who do you know that could use help creating good dirt in their lives?

How will you use your influence?

PRAYER REQUESTS