

## 4/8/18 | The Parable of THE SOWER



*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." —Galatians 6:9 | NIV*

### DISCUSSION

1. What is your favorite story? What makes it your favorite story (message, theme, visual effects, historical truth, witty dialogue, etc.)?
2. Think back to the story from the sermon this week (the parable of the sower). What were some of the ideas Jesus was trying to teach? Which ones stand out to you the most from that story?
3. Consider this phrase from the sermon. What does it mean to you? How does it apply to your life?

If you aren't dead yet, God's not done yet.
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### SCATTERING

4. Read Acts 9:1-19 to learn how Saul heard about Jesus. How is this like seed being scattered and planted in the parable?
5. What kind of person was Saul before he was stopped by Jesus? How does this story show that God never gives up on us?
6. Saul goes on to become one of the most influential early Christians. He is the same man called Paul who wrote some of the books in the New Testament. How does knowing his story personalize and reinforce the truth that "God never gives up on us"?
7. You may never have fallen blind from the light of Jesus, but you also have heard the good news about Jesus. What's your story? When did you first hear about God's forgiveness?

## **SPROUTING**

8. Read Acts 9:20-31 for the next part of Saul's story. Why were people surprised at his actions? Why were the disciples afraid of him?
9. Did Saul let his past define him? In what ways did Saul grow and change during this season of his life?
10. In Acts 9:27, what did Barnabas do for Saul? Is there a person in your life you can be a Barnabas to? Or is there someone in your life who is a Barnabas to you?

## **SHARING**

11. Read Acts 14:1-7 to learn what happened later. Saul, now called Paul, spends most of the book of Acts traveling and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Good News. How is this like the seeds that fell on good soil in the parable?
12. Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-29 to learn what opposition Paul faced. Did he ever let hardship stop him from sharing the Good News of Jesus? What opposition do you face to sharing your faith?
13. We all have a story to share. What's yours? Do you use it to spread the Good News?

## **TAKE AWAY:**

Which tool are you using?

Which tool do you need to get familiar with?