

**Introduction:**

- We have been talking about the Kingdom of God all year long. Jesus is the King and we are under His rule and reign. We live under a King and are subjects to the King.
- Today I want to take about a familiar parable, "A Farmer went out to Sow "good" seeds, and he scattered them..." but I want to put a different focus on it. Let's turn to Matthew 13:1-9, vs 1 "Later that same day Jesus left the house and sat beside the lake. **2** A large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat there and taught as the people stood on the shore. **3** He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one: **Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. 4 As he scattered them** across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. **5** Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. **6** But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died. **7** Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. **8** Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! **9** Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."
- The farmer went out to sow seeds and he scattered them. He scattered "GOOD" seeds on the ground. Donna Stubbs and Dave LeBeau know a lot about "scattering good seeds." I am quite certain that they only plant Good Seeds in the ground. They also know that the seeds they sow will have **different results based on the cultivation and fertilization of the soil** they plant them in.
- The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who went out to plant some seeds, and he scattered them. The focus of this scripture is not about the quality of the soil and comparing the soil to our lives and what is hindering our lives from producing a good crop. It is about the sowing of seeds.
- Everyone is "On Assignment." This is the Kingdom of God. I never really liked assignments much in school but I always learned from them. It is my hope that before the end of this message, you will be excited to be "On Assignment" because the assignment of the Kingdom of Heaven is exciting, real, and worth the effort and it is for the KING!

**I. Jesus Had An Assignment****A. To proclaim the Message of the Kingdom - Matthew 4:17**

1. Jesus proclaimed the message: "**Repent, For the Kingdom of Heaven is Near**"
  - a) His message, the same message as John the Baptist, was to **awaken hearts** to the Kingdom of God is at hand, near, coming near, drawing near to them, right now.
  - b) To awaken their hearts to the love of God and their **Need for Repentance**, to bring them into relationship with God.
    - (1) To repent: to feel regret for something done or spoken, and to turn away from it

- (2) Repentance: is a change that takes place as a result of the Holy Spirit's work to illuminate one's consciousness to the state of sin in the presence of a Holy God.
- (3) It is a turning away from sin and a connecting to the truth of God's word and His work in our life. **A Life Transformed**; becoming a new creation.
- c) **Kingdom of Heaven is Near**: Jesus was letting the church know that things were about to change forever. He didn't want them to miss out on relationship with their Father, God. He wanted to see their faith alive in God and their trust in Him. That what they had been waiting for was about to be revealed. The Kingdom of God was at hand, near, closer than they realized.
2. Jesus introduced men to the power of the Holy Spirit. Demonstrating Kingdom Power
- a) After his Baptism by John, when he was filled (FULL) of the Holy Spirit, in Luke 4:1, he was led by the spirit into the wilderness and for 40 days was tempted by satan. and he came out after that time in the power of the Spirit and he taught in the synagogues and news spread about him through the whole country side.
- b) In Nazareth, in the synagogue he stood to read the scroll of **Isaiah 61:1**  
 (1) "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be sent free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."
- c) He introduced men to the power of the Holy Spirit and demonstrated the love of God (He only did what he saw His Father doing, and often was moved by compassion). In Luke chapter 4 we see a glimpse of the power of the Kingdom working through Jesus as he was "ON Assignment."  
 (1) He preached with authority and signs of the Kingdom of Heaven followed him (the Kingdom of Heaven had come to Earth)  
 (a) Healed the sick: "they brought the sick to him and he healed them all," Luke 4:39-40  
 (b) Raised the dead : Lazarus, Widows only son (Luke 7:11-17), Jarius's daughter (Luke 8:49-51)  
 (c) Cast out demons: Luke 4:36  
 (d) Perform other miraculous signs: turned the water into wine, cursed the fig tree, man with leprosy healed (Luke 5;12)  
 (2) Jesus went about preaching about the Kingdom, walking in love and demonstrating the authority (power) of this kingdom (bringing Heaven to Earth)  
 (a) In Capernaum, Jesus cast out a demon: Luke 4:36 "Amazed, the people exclaimed, "what authority and power this man's words possess? Even evil spirits obey him, and they flee at his command!" The news about Jesus spread through every village in the entire region.

## B. To restore the Kingdom of God to earth

1. Jesus was awakening their hearts to the reality that the Kingdom of Heaven was near and would bring mankind back to his original state and purpose that God had created you for: **A Life Transformed**; becoming a new creation in Christ Jesus. That we would connect with God like Adam and Eve did.
  - a) Intimacy with the Father
  - b) To bring the Kingdom of Heaven to Earth once again
  - c) To bring Glory to God!
2. Jesus's sacrifice on the cross was for the purpose of restoring mankind back to God's original purpose and design and into relationship with him.
3. **Isaiah 53:5-6** "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." vs 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."
  - a) To have **relationship with God**
    - (1) Jesus came to **connect us to the Father.**
      - (a) John 1:12 "But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. Vs 13 "They are reborn - not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God."
      - (2) Jesus came to connect us to the His glorious Kingdom.
        - (a) Luke 12:32 "Don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom."
        - (b) To bring the Kingdom of Heaven to earth once again.
      - (3) I John 3:8 "Jesus came to destroy the works of satan, and deliver us from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light."
    - b) To exercise dominion and authority under His sovereign Kingship, as AMBASSADOR'S - representatives of the KING!
    - c) To bring Glory to God.
      - (1) Think about this, when Adam and Eve created by God and for God...what did their relationship with God look like? They walked with God in the cool of the day, What was that like? What was it like to be given dominion on earth? To rule and reign, to have authority over the fish, birds, animals, every creature?
4. Through the cross and resurrection, Jesus brought us back into relationship with God which allows us to access to His presence and to walk in His authority and dominion to impact the earth. Jesus opened up the door for the invasion of the Holy Spirit to come into our lives and the invasion of the Kingdom of Heaven to come to earth.

## II. His Assignment is our Assignment

- A. Jesus promised to give us the Kingdom and the power to walk in the Kingdom.
  1. He restored His **connection** to Us: Relationship with the Father!

- a) We can boldly approach the throne of God because we now have an advocate (Jesus).
  - b) Children of God: John 1:12 **"But as many as received him (believed him and accepted him), to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on his name."** Power was given to us through Jesus. We were reborn! Made new.
  - c) Jesus gave us His righteousness so we can take our rightful place. We can know Him and that we are his child. (know our identity in Him).
2. **He gave us the Holy Spirit and Power.** He filled us with His presence. We are alive!  
 (1) We have been introduced to a new power to live in our lives. **"Christ in us, the hope of glory."**
3. As believers today, we are living in His Kingdom. Our reality is Jesus!
- B. Our Assignment is not about just getting saved, so we can have fire insurance from going to hell. It is not about just getting in the door and going no further. We have to see our assignment as much more than this. {the promise of eternal life is a benefit, yet not the goal...it is a promise, not the end but just the beginning of our adventure. Faith loves an Adventure.}
- C. Assignment (Webster 1828) defined: "an allotting, or an appointment to a particular person or use."
1. I Peter 2:9 **"You are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation. God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." Vs 10 "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people."**
  2. **We have experienced the Transforming Power of Knowing Jesus** and we are changed. We cannot stay silent. We are **"On Assignment!"**
  3. We are joint heirs with Jesus, co-laborers with Christ. His Spirit is alive in US!
- D. Jesus demonstrated it is about Kingdom authority impacting the earth. The Kingdom of God is Here.
1. Illustration: Jesus sent out the 12 disciples, then the 70 disciples
  2. **God is alive in Us.**
    - a) When we are saved we are sealed with the Holy Spirit - God is living in us!
    - b) Once we turn our trust toward God we are introduced to a new power to live in our lives.
  3. When we are baptized with The Holy Spirit we are filled. **The Holy Spirit (God) living in you, makes you a power house.**
    - a) Acts 2 - filled with power from on high.
    - b) This power enables us to fulfill the "commission"/assignment as ambassadors of the Kingdom of Heaven.
      - (1) Commissioned: furnished with a commission; empowered; authorized
      - (2) Assignment:
  4. **We are to bring the Kingdom of Heaven to Earth.** We are not waiting to go to Heaven, but God's plan all along was to bring Heaven to Earth. To see His Authority and Dominion rule and reign in the earth.

- a) "the Kingdom of Heaven is for the desperate and desperate men take it by force"
  - b) I John 4:4 "but you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because **the spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.**"
  - c) John 16:33 "I have told you all this so you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."
5. As believers today, we are living in The Kingdom! We have the power of God in us. You have been given authority to bring the Kingdom of Heaven to earth. To let the Light within you shine forth and reach the world.

### III. You are On Assignment - You are Critical to His Plan

- A. "Your Mission if you Choose to accept it... to be an Ambassador of Christ!
1. A representative of his Kingdom and His government. This is who you ARE!!!
  2. Matthew 3:8, says "Bring forth fruit that is consistent with repentance"[let your lives prove- good tree produces good fruit] **We are Ambassador's for Christ** - we represent Him, so we should be "little Christ's"
  3. **Our Primary Goal is NOT to build the church but to take the Kingdom of God where the Kingdom of Darkness is still entrenched, in order for Jesus to build His church!"**
  4. **We are to "scatter seeds" wherever we go!** Sowing seeds to bring God glory.
    - a) **Jesus only did what His Father told Him.** He continually brought God glory through the truth he shared in love, and through the demonstration of good works
  5. **BELIEVE** - That God is with you and He will back you up. You ARE who He Says you Are!
    - a) Spend time in His word and with Him. Build your relationship with Holy Spirit.
      - 1) Maintain connection and communication with the King: Matthew 6:33 "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."
      - 2) Carry out the policies established by the King
    - b) Our faith grows as we realize our position as his child and that He is in us. This revelation allows us to walk confidently as an ambassador of Christ.
    - c) Get to know the Holy Spirit (HS).
      - (1) The HS is our teacher and guide. He will lead you into all truth.
        - i) Ask HS "What do you want to do today?"
        - ii) HS who do you want me to encourage today?
        - iii) HS how can I bring glory to you? Make your name known?
        - iv) HS how can I demonstrate you light in the darkness?
  6. **TRUST**
    - a) Get Filled Up with Ammunition! (Get in the Word of God, be changed by the word, aligned with the word, transformed by it.)
      - (1) Build yourself up in the Lord.

- (2) Speak and declare the words of the King. It is never about our opinion, but His.
- (3) Listen to sermons, you Tube video's of strong men and women of God
- (4) When you get filled up, you are sure to spill over and out onto others...
- i) Rivers of Living water will flow to you and through you
  - ii) *The one that bears the most fruit is the one most yielded to the cultivating.*
- b) Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you.  
 (1) "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7-8
- c) See yourself as He sees you  
 (1) It is about knowing your identity in Him. You are now a child of the King of Kings. You have rights and privileges. Not to Lord it over others, but to love others as He loves them and reveal Jesus to them. This is what brings glory to God. Walking in our authority as his children bringing Heaven to Earth.
7. **OBEY** - Step Out!
- a) Start where you are!
  - b) We are called to be HEARERS and DOERS of the word of God.
  - c) Dare to release (scatter seeds) your ammunition and see a harvest for the Kingdom.
8. The Great Commission - "Going" and "Making Disciples": Wherever you go, whenever you go, however you go, make disciples. I want to encourage you to scatter seeds. Scatter seeds of hope, seeds of encouragement, love, hope, and kindness.
9. Ask God: What can I do today to glorify you? Where can I **sow seeds of hope and love**? Lord, lead me so I can be used today to bring glory to your name.
- B. **We are filled with His life.** He is alive in us. Our lives are no longer our own.
1. We live filled with His spirit and have rivers of life flowing in and through us. John 7:38 "rivers of living water will flow from within him", "Out of his heart will flow rivers of living waters"
  2. No believer is exempt. You have no excuse, this is your assignment.
- C. Our faith grows as we realize our position as his child and that He is in us. This revelation allows us to walk confidently as an ambassador of Christ.

### Conclusion:

- God is working to restore us to our original and rightful place as His children, heirs of the Kingdom of God. We were created to love God and be known by Him and to bring Heaven to earth.
- Jesus came to connect us to the Father and His Glorious Kingdom so that we could connect others to this same reality!
- You are "On Assignment!" You have been chosen to "Go", "Make Disciples" and bring the Kingdom of Heaven to Earth.