

# Union Methodist Church

**2024 Theme: "A fruitful church that wins souls,  
making and nurturing disciples of Christ."**

**Proverbs 11:30 NKJV**

**Sunday, June 9th, 2024**

**Sermon:**

**The Kingdom of God - Part 4**

**How It Works: Seedtime & Harvest**

# 1. Fundamental Law of God's Kingdom: SOWING & REAPING

In the beginning, the Lord

- made living things seed bearing
- made things grow using sowing and reaping
- charged us: "be fruitful & multiply." *How? Sow & reap...*

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5 Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, 6 but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground."

Genesis 2:5-6 NIV

# 1. Fundamental Law of God's Kingdom: SOWING & REAPING

8 Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. 9 The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground — trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. Genesis 2:8-9 NIV

# 1. Fundamental Law of God's Kingdom: SOWING & REAPING

After the flood, God said to Noah:

**"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."** Genesis 8:22 NIV



# 1. Fundamental Law of God's Kingdom: **SOWING & REAPING**

“Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for **you reap whatever you sow**. 8 If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit.” **Galatians 6:7-8 NRSV**

## **2. Christ Jesus: God's Seed For Salvation Harvest**

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” **John 3:16 NKJV**



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When it was time to go to the cross, Jesus said: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. **24** **Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.**" John 12:23-24 NRSV

### **3. Sow Right Seed, In Right Soil, For Right Harvest**

Some Lessons from Parable  
of the Sower:

- The Word is Seed
- The Soil Determines the Harvest

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- **The Word is Seed**

**“The farmer [Sower] sows the word.”** Mark 4:14

***God has a word for every situation:***

- salvation, healing, marriage, finances, depression, ...
- **Find and Sow the Word!**

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- **Soil Determines Harvest**

Jesus talked about 4 kinds of soil:

- Wayside/Path
- Rocky Ground
- Thorny Ground
- Good Soil

### 3. Sow Right Seed, In Right Soil, For Right Harvest

- **Wayside/Path**

“These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them.” 4:15 NRSV

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- **Rocky Ground**

**“Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy.<sup>17</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.”**

**Mark 4:16-17 NIV**



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- **Thorny Ground**

**“these are the ones who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing.”**

**Mark 4:18-19 NRSV**

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- **Good Soil - Only These Bear Fruit**

“And these are the ones sown on the good soil: **they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.**”

Mark 4:20 NRSV.

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**“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.”**

**Galatians 6:9 NRSV**