



## Sermon Guide:

### Tilling the Plains: It Just Does (2/25/2023)

Join us **tomorrow, Sunday (2/26/2023), at 7 PM** on Zoom for Sermon Essentials to dive deeper into today's message. You can use the link <https://zoom.us/j/285038684> or call 312.626.6799 and enter the ID 285 038 684 to be a part of the discussion.

Read *Christ Object Lessons*, chapter 3, "First the Blade, Then the Ear"

Text: Mark 4:26-27 "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how."

#### The Parable of the Growing Seed

Reference verses: Mark 4:26-29; Matthew 13:24-30; Matthew 13:3-9

1. How does the order in which the three parables from the verses above were studied make a logical whole when understood together?

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#### The Work of the Farmer

Reference verse: Mark 4:26

2. Just like a regular farmer, what must the spiritual farmer accomplish to receive a harvest?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
3. How does the following quote impact your understanding of what God is requiring from you in reaching others for His kingdom?

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"In our lifework we know not which shall prosper, this or that. This is not a question for us to settle. We are to do our work, and leave the results with God." – Ellen White, *Christ's Object Lessons*, 65



Reference verses: 1 Corinthians 3:5-8; John 3:3-8

4. Once the seed is planted, there is not much more the farmer can do. Who takes over in the spiritual seed sowing?

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5. Is it possible to understand how the Holy Spirit works on the hearts and minds of people? Explain.

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### **The Work of the Seed**

Reference verses: Mark 4:28-29

6. What is the path which a person takes in reaching heaven?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Why is the journey of the seed such an excellent example of the journey to heaven?

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### **Tilling the Plains**

8. How do the following quotes embody the purpose and work of the Till Plains family?

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“Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own.” – Ellen White, *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 69

“It is the privilege of every Christian not only to look for but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, (2 Peter 3:12, margin). Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. Quickly the last great harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come to gather the precious grain.” – Ellen White, *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 69