



harvest ready

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WARM UP QUESTIONS: Have you ever planted a garden? How did it go?

READ: Hebrews 6:4-9

FOCUS: God's rain comes to nurture cultivated ground and produce a harvest.

OBSERVE: God uses an agricultural analogy to express how He will reap a harvest of human souls and reconcile them to Himself. A harvest requires rain, good ground, time and then reaping. God provides the rain, the ground is our hearts and the harvest/fruit is salvation. Jesus Himself taught that for a seed to bear fruit it must go down into the ground, die and bear much fruit. Jesus fulfilled those words by dying on the cross and buying forgiveness of sins for those who believe.

- The rain of God brings revelation, wisdom, and signs of miracles and wonders. (Hebrews 6:4-5)
- The ground (our hearts) must drink the rain and be cultivated. We drink the rain of God through spiritual disciplines: prayer, meditation, reading and hearing God's Word, praise and worship. Busyness, drinking too little and lack of faith are obstacles to drinking God's rain in fullness.
- Cultivating our hearts means allowing God to mold and shape our identities, accepting Him as Lord and submitting our time, treasure and talents to His purposes.
- God's harvest is about people knowing Him.
- We, filled with the Holy Spirit and the good news of the gospel of Christ, unite people with the Father based on Jesus' death and resurrection.
- The more we drink of God's rain, cultivate our hearts, and partner with Him, the more we will reap people who join God's family.

TAKING ACTION:

- Set aside time this week to pray for God to fill you with the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for those in your life who do not yet know Jesus. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with them and boldness to do so.

REFLECT:

- What does drinking spiritual rain from God look like in your life?
- How do you cultivate your heart to hear from the Lord?
- Do you see opportunities for harvest around you? Where?

PRAY: Heavenly Father, may Your rain fall on us. We repent for failing to make time to drink of Your presence and cultivate our hearts to be more like You. We renounce every idol and obstacle in opposition to knowing You and spreading Your gospel. Jesus, thank you for dying to produce a harvest of souls. Please fill us with Your Holy Spirit so we can go out and reap a harvest worthy of Your name. In Jesus' Name, Amen.