



Sowing Seeds!

Feb. 19, 2023 – Matthew 13:1-9
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You Will Share the Gospel with Four Types of People

1. You will share with those who are **dismissive** of the Gospel because they just don't get it.
2. You will share with those who are **receptive** but then **dismiss** the Gospel when their faith cost them something.
3. You will share with people who will hear the Gospel, but their love for what is **temporary** proves to be greater than their love for what is **eternal**.
4. You will share the Gospel with people who hear the Gospel, receive it, and **bear fruit**.

Three Principles about Sharing the Gospel

1. God is at work preparing hearts to receive the seed of the Gospel, so share it with **expectation**.
2. When we sow the seed of the Gospel, we don't know what kind of soil it will land in, so share it **abundantly**.
3. Our responsibility is to scatter the seed of the Gospel knowing God is the one who makes it fruitful, so share the Gospel **obediently**.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you agree that it is necessary to use words to share the Gospel with someone? Why or why not?
2. Right or wrong, what is your biggest hang up to sharing the Gospel?
3. As you consider the parable of the sower and what it has to do with evangelism, how does it encourage you to share the Gospel more?
4. Regardless if you took advantage of them or not, what were some opportunities you have recently had to share the Gospel with someone else?
5. How are you going to share the Gospel abundantly?
6. What action are you going to do as a result of the message?

Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be in the room behind the Welcome Center after the service.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
3. Consider joining an elective. They meet most Sundays at 11am.
4. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

February 2023 (Two Year Reading Plan, Month 14)			
Week 1 Starting February 6	Week 2 Starting February 13	Week 3 Starting February 20	Week 4 Starting February 27
Day 1: Ezekiel 42-43	Day 1: Daniel 2	Day 1: Daniel 9	Day 1: Hosea 11-14
Day 2: Ezekiel 44	Day 2: Daniel 3-4	Day 2: Daniel 10-12	Day 2: Joel 1-3
Day 3: Ezekiel 45-46	Day 3: Daniel 5	Day 3: Hosea 1-3	Day 3: Amos 1-2
Day 4: Ezekiel 47, 48	Day 4: Daniel 6	Day 4: Hosea 4-7	Day 4: Amos 3-4
Day 5: Daniel 1	Day 5: Daniel 7-8	Day 5: Hosea 8-10	Day 5: Amos 5-7

²³Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 14:23-26 (ESV)

What are you going to do as a result of the message this morning?