Sundays 10.45am

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is to be expected

Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Matthew 13:8



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is to be expected

Matthew 13:31-32

'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, .. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.'



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is to be expected

John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing



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is natural

But we can create the conditions!

1 Corinthians 3:6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow



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is to change

Philippians 3:13-14

But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.



Where might you be caught in that cycle?

- I want to grow
 - Idon't want to change!

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is to become like Jesus

Romans 8:29

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.





SOAP

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Scripture

Read the text

Observation

What does the passage tell us about God, his people, and/or life?

What are the promises, principles, commands or warnings?

Application

What is God saying TO ME and what AM I going to do about it?

Who can I share with what I have learnt before next week?

Prayer

The Goal

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Top tip

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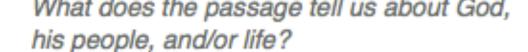
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ARE WE

ii. POSITIONED for growth?

Mark 3:14 He appointed twelve that they might be with him ...

Is the climate right?

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Who might you need to move closer to?

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ARE WE

iii. PRUNED for growth?

John 15:2

He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

What's stopping the growth?



What's hindering your growth?

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Expect growth

you've been chosen for it!

John 15:16

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit - fruit that will last - and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you



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