



Message #6: EMBRACING THE JOURNEY

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Isaiah 52:7, How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!

Today, we are going to bring this series to a conclusion. We end where we started – re-envisioning evangelism. Today, our challenge is to move away from the idea of evangelism as an event to seeing it as a journey or a process.

THE JOURNEY OF FAITH IS MYSTERIOUS

Accept this fact: **You cannot convert anyone.**

The pathway to faith is a work of God, and he simply invites us to join him.

As Gospel farmers, we really don't know how this happens.

Mark 4:26-29, Then Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is like someone who plants seed in the ground. Night and day, whether the person is asleep or awake, the seed still grows, but the person does not know how it grows. By itself the earth produces grain. First the plant grows, then the head,

and then all the grain in the head. When the grain is ready, the farmer cuts it, because this is the harvest time." (NCV)

John 3:8-9 The wind blows where it wants to and you hear the sound of it, but you don't know where the wind comes from or where it is going. It is the same with every person who is born from the Spirit." Nicodemus asked, "How can this happen?" (NCV)

No one comes to Jesus unless the Father **brings** them.

John 6:65, If the Father does not bring a person to me, that person cannot come. (NV)

THE JOURNEY OF FAITH IS ORGANIC

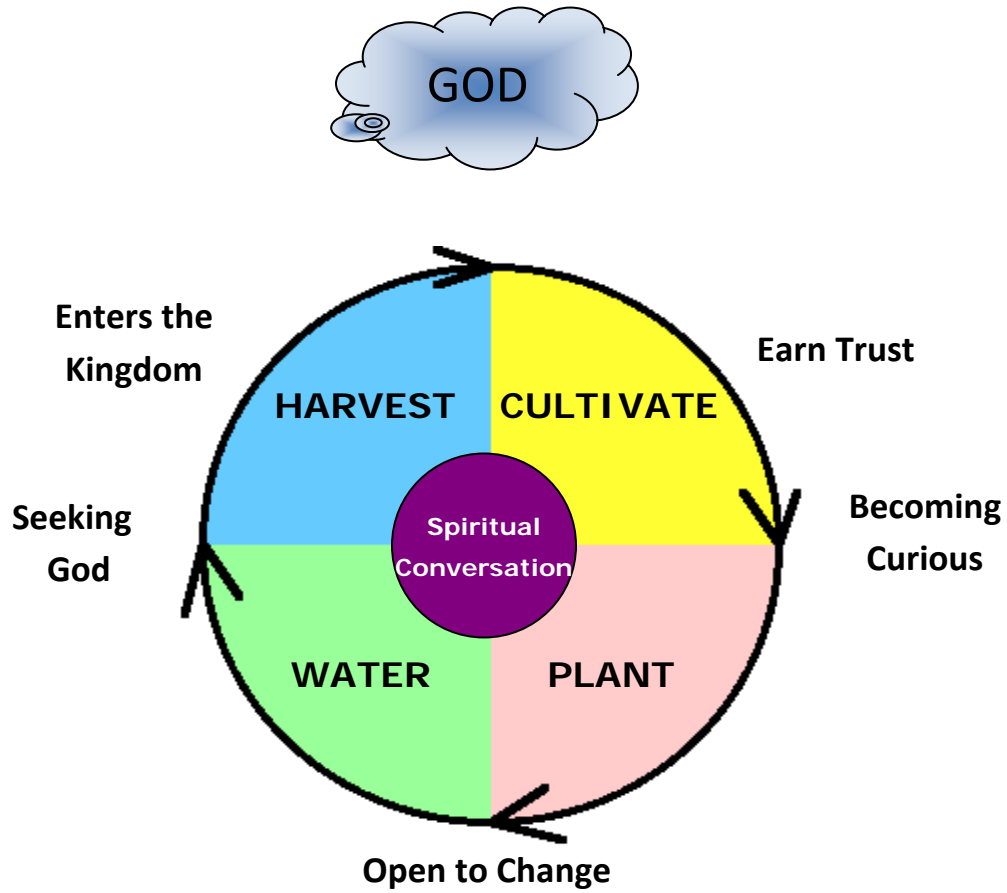
The journey of faith has a natural **development**.

Mark 4:28-29, First the plant grows, then the head, and then all the grain in the head. When the grain is ready, the farmer cuts it, because this is the harvest time. (NCV)

Paul understood the tension between **our** role and God's role.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, I planted the seed, and Apollos watered it. But God is the One who made it grow. So the one who plants is not important, and the one who waters is not important. Only God, who makes things grow, is important. (NCV)

THE JOURNEY OF FAITH IS A JOURNEY



Galatians 6:9, Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (NIV)