

PLANTING SEQUOIAS

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John 12:23-26



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One of creation's most profound mysteries is the miracle of growth. The cycle of planting seeds and reaping a harvest is woven into God's design, reflecting His very nature. In scripture, the themes of gardening and spiritual growth appear often, reminding us that the Kingdom of God is all about growth—lavish, abundant, and often surprising. Though we have little control over how growth unfolds, we are called to sow seeds with generous hearts.

Read John 12:23-26, Psalm 102:18-22, 1 Corinthians 3:6-7, Romans 1:19-20

1. Why do you think the Bible uses so many examples of nature to teach spiritual truths?
2. The Prophet Isaiah writes that the company of heaven is singing "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory." Isaiah 6:3
How and where do you see examples of God's glory in the world?
3. The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 3:6-7: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God grew it....God makes the seed grow." What does this mean for the Believer? What can we plant or water to see God grow?
4. An ancient proverb says: "The willingness to plant trees whose shade you will never sit under." What does this mean to you? What could you presently plant that could impact future generations?

5. As our Church moves into our season of commitment for this upcoming year, what commitments and promises has the Lord put on your heart to give for Eternity?

