**3/10/24 Pastors and Farmers Have More in Common Than You Think!**

**(Matthew 13:3-23; Mark 4:2-20; Luke 8:4-15)**

**Introduction**

* Both look for growth as an outcome.
* The Word of God is called a seed in scripture.
* Extensive preparations have to be made to have a successful outcome.
* The type of soil and the lives of the individual determine success.

**Let’s see how the seeds are scattered.**

* When Jesus was teaching the public, He taught in parables.
* As a farmer plants crops, the pastor plants the Word of God.
* The ones who are open to Jesus’ teaching will be given more understanding and knowledge, but those who do not listen will lose what they have been given.
* A house will not stand without a good foundation. Your faith will not stand without the foundation of the Word of God.

**Mark 4:2,34; Matthew 13:10-13; 2 Timothy 2:15; Luke 8:11**

**There are four outcomes that resulted from the sowing:**

1. Some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.
2. Some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth, but the sun scorched them, and they withered away.
3. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked them, and they yielded no fruit.
4. Others fell on good ground, and yielded fruit that sprang up and increased.
* The power of the Kingdom moves despite our lack of complete understanding of all that is happening in the work of God. A question for us is whether or not we will be a part of this movement and mystery and grow as we should, to be ready for the harvest.
* All throughout the Bible, God will leave a remnant to carry on.
* God’s Word is the same yesterday, today and forever more!
* Jesus set an open door, and no man can shut it!

**Mark 4:4-9, 16-20; Luke 8:12; Matt. 12:20; Heb 13:8; Isaiah 40:8; Rev 3:8**