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Plough Work

We hear a lot in Scripture about planting seed and harvesting. But before planting can take place, the ground has to be prepared. Jesus used this task as an example of perseverance.

We get excited about the harvest: evangelists are highly regarded; while others work away quietly preparing the ground and sowing the seed. All God's workers are equally important in His eyes.

There are also many verses in the bible about harvesting. Luke 10:2 *Jesus said to them, "the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."* There is still a great need for harvesters today.

Not everyone is ready to hear and receive the gospel. Building relationship helps to remove hurt and mistrust. As we listen and learn, we can show love, concern and understanding.

Breaking up our own fallow ground, makes our hearts fruitful. Sometimes our hearts can become hard and dry. To plough a straight furrow, we're to head straight for a marker on the fence on the far side of the field. Jesus is our marker: we're to keep our eyes on him. If a farmer looks back he goes off course. Unfortunately many believers keep looking back at the world or go off course they're proud & look back to admire their performance rather than looking at Jesus. Luke 9:62 *"No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."*

Is your heart stony and hard or like a freshly ploughed field? Is God doing a work in your life? Our unploughed ground is broken up as we repent & receive God's forgiveness & guidance. Is the Lord calling you to be a harvester in our church and community?