

Session 2: Limitations with Pastor Colin Smith

Message Outline

Seven Elements of Our Lord's Story

- 1. The Owner
- 2. The Enemy
- 3. The Seed
- 4. The Field
- 5. The Question
- 6. The Growth
- 7. The Harvest

Three Applications

- a. Bloom Where You Are Planted
- b. Focus on Sowing Seeds, Not Pulling Weeds
- c. Anticipate the Harvest

Discussion Questions

- 1. In what ways has the growing evil of our world discouraged your faith? Your ministry?
- 2. Read Matthew 28:18–20. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus; authority over every part of your ministry, the gifts you have, the challenges you face, and the fruit you will bear. How should believing this truth shape your ministry?
- 3. It is unwise to focus on rooting out all evil in the world. Why? What's a better focus for us?
- 4. In what ways does this parable change your expectations for ministry?
- 5. Many people today, Christians included, blame the church for the world's problems. How does this parable speak to that idea?
- 6. Explain the hope that this parable gives us as we think about bearing fruit for Christ.

