

What You Want “A Generous Harvest”- Jim Burgen

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Bible References: *John 17:3, Luke 8:4-14 and 2 Peter 3:8-9*

Community:

1. What is the best party or celebratory event you have ever attended?
2. What is one of your favorite stories to tell and why?

Core:

1. Of the stories/testimonies that were shared this weekend, which one did you relate with the most and what kind of emotions were stirred as you heard it?
2. **Read Luke 8:4-14.** With the thought of *spiritual formation* in mind, what are some things that get in the way of your heart receiving God’s word and truth? What do you think it would take in order for the soil of your heart to become more fertile and accepting?
3. When do you find yourself getting angry or frustrated with God? Are you angry and frustrated with Him in any way right now? What is it that you want Him to do?
4. Jim talked about celebrating what God has already done in our lives. As you look back over your own story, and faith walk, what do you see worth celebrating and what has God taught you through this?
5. In your current season of life, what do you feel like God has been teaching you? If you think about everything God has done in the past leading up to this season, how does that affect how you look at the current season you are in—and the struggles you’re facing?
6. **Read 2 Peter 3:8-9.** What can this passage teach us about the character of God and about His timing? Is there anything that you are currently waiting on for God to do? If so, what do you think that God wants from you (and for you) in that situation?

Challenge:

Take some time this week and write down the things in your life that are worth celebrating (i.e., successes, struggles, joys, hard lessons, etc.). Then, spend some time in prayer thanking God for all those things. Next, write down something that you feel like God has been saying to you, or trying to teach you, throughout this series. Carry these with you throughout the week and intentionally take time (driving to work, at lunch, etc.) meditating on how that truth can change your life.

