

Session 2. Limitations

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.

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