



**#A TIME TO  
PLANT**

- **KEY TRUTH 1 GOD WANTS OUR IDENTITY TO BE ROOTED IN HIS LOVE**
- **KEY TRUTH 2 GOD WORKS PRIMARILY THROUGH PROCESS NOT JUST EVENTS**
- **KEY TRUTH 3 GOD WILL TAKE US THROUGH CHANGING SEASONS OF IDENTITY**



Word used for change in Romans 12 is:  
***“METAMORPHOSIS”***



# How can we allow God to transform us?

## 5 G's of Spiritual Transformation,

**GRACE - GROWTH - GROUPS - GIFTS - GIVING**





# 1. GRACE

We don't get what we deserve.  
Luke 15 – The Prodigal Son

*"Everything I have is yours."*



## 2. GROWTH

The analogy used by Paul:

- 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- 1 Timothy 4:7-8

*"train yourself to be godly"*



# 3. GROUPS

The transforming power of community.

Mark 3:14 “that they might be ***with Him...***”

*One of the ways we pursue this is by meeting together in small groups of people who are committed to each other's spiritual growth.*



# ***How do relationships help us become more like Christ?***

*“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of **grace** and **truth**.”*

John 1:14 New International Version





# GRACE & TRUTH

**Grace in relationships = radical acceptance.**

It means we are embraced even with our shortcomings and failures.

**Truth presents us with a sense of Christ's direction** and boundaries which keeps us from falling further into sinful and destructive patterns.



## 4. GIFTS

The Bible says that God is the giver of  
***"every good and perfect gift"***

(James 1:17).



*“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.”*

**1 Cor 12:4-6**



Paul's words in 1 Cor 12:7 are critically important:

*“A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.”*



# 5. GIVING

*“Do not store up for yourselves treasure on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

Matthew 6:19- 21





# Question to challenge us all:

## How close are you to fully embracing God's priorities?

- *Does the way I invest my treasures reflect the values Jesus taught and lived?*
- *Is my generosity modelling his?*
- *Has it grown or declined in the past year?*



# CONCLUSION: NEXT STEPS

**What area is God calling you to respond to Him today? Where is He asking you to plant and sow into in this season?**

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