

February 12, 2023
Sixth after Epiphany

Meditation: "Sow what"

Walk around pretending to sow seed by hand, watering, digging, tilling, pruning

Don't mind me. I'm just the gardener.

What was I just doing? *Sowing, watering, tilling, pruning, etc.*

When Paul wrote this letter to the church in Corinth, word had reached Paul that they were bickering with one another. "I belong to Paul," said one. Another said, "I belong to Apollos." And the war of words was on. Paul tells them that he planted, and Apollos watered, and that got me to thinking about me. What did Paul plant?

In another 9 days we start the second part of our study on 'The Heart of Christianity'. What will I be doing? Sowing ideas – ideas that I hope will make people think about their faith – their relationship with God. I'll sow, but the attendees will have to water. They will have to think about what they read and hear and share with one another. They will have to delve into their faith.

In his letter to the church in Galatia, Paul wrote about the fruits of the Spirit. Faith. Patience. Love. Forgiveness. Kindness. Generosity. Gentleness. Reconciliation. Self-control. Joy. Faithfulness. Those are the things that I believe Paul sowed, not only in Galatia or in Corinth, but everywhere he travelled.

That got me to thinking about all y'all as a congregation. Did you sow anything last year? What did you sow? How did you sow it?

Paul wrote to put an end to the bickering, to restore strained or broken relationships, and to direct their attention to the things that really mattered, the things that really matter still. Reconciliation. Forgiveness. Generosity. Kindness. Faithfulness. Love. Joy. I think those are the things we are all called to sow.

Paul may have planted and Apollos may have watered, but it was God who gave the growth.

Our job is not to grow things, but to plant and to tend, to sow love and nurture it in others.