



SERIES: Sowing & Growing TEACHER: Jim Firth DATE: 3/17/2024

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Question #1

What did you resonate with?

Question #2

Was there anything you wrestled with?

Question #3

Read John 12:24 below. How does this analogy relate to our lives as believers? Why must we "die?"

John 12:24, NIV

"Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

Question #4

What are some things we have to "die to"?

Question #5

What does dying to self look like? How do we do it?

Question #6

Read James 5:7-8 below. God is like a capable farmer. He provides the conditions for your spiritual growth. Why do you think patience is key to the process? What did Pastor Jim say about pulling weeds, and how that relates to patience?

James 5:7-8, NIV

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

Question #7

What helps you to be patient? What has worked for you in the past?

Question #8

God is faithful and knows how to bring you to fruitfulness. When we are choosing to die to self, Pastor Jim says not to cling to the unbroken seed. It's not your identity. Do you sometimes feel tempted to stay in your comfort zone instead of allowing yourself to be broken? Have you ever experienced this uncomfortable "dying" that leads to growth?