



Planted And Prosperous + Primed for a Purpose | Emily Roob + Ethan Moroles | 6.28-29

Weekly Study

SHARE

Welcome to Youth Takeover Weekend and week 2 of Young Bucks, a summer series built on the younger generation and their bold faith, with fresh voices, and a God who moves through anyone willing to say “yes”. In this week’s message, Emily and Ethan reminded us that God wants our lives to bear fruit, not only for now but in the future. So how do we do that? Let's dive deeper into this week’s sermon.

- ☐ **Reflecting on last week’s sermon, what was your biggest takeaway and how did it affect your week?**

GROW

Read Matthew 13:1-9

In this passage, we hear Jesus speak about the parable of the sower. Jesus provides examples of seeds planted in three different types of soil.

The first is where seed falls on barren land; the birds come and eat the seeds. This is related to a person who hears the Word, but is not changed by the Word - in one ear and out the other.

The second is where the seed falls on rocky land where there was not much soil. The roots did not grow for a lack of nutrients or depth, so the plant dies quickly. There were some seeds that fell among the thorns but also quickly died because of the environment around it. Jesus compares this to a person who hears the Word, knows of the Good News, but as soon as they encounter worldly desires or challenges, they allow these things to become more important than their relationship with God.

The third is where the seeds fall on good soil where a healthy and thriving crop is produced. Jesus then relates this to a person, who is actively engaging in and seeking to grow their relationship with God, who builds a life centered around Him. Through the Parable of the Sower, individuals are encouraged to plant seeds in healthy soil that will ultimately bear good fruit.

What seeds have you possibly been neglecting in your own life?

What are some actions you can take to ensure this seed is planted in good soil?

M O V E

Read John 15:1-8

God wants to see us grow and flourish but we must be willing to be pruned and remain so we can harvest from the good soil. God, through sanctification, will cut and prune the branches in our lives that are no longer bearing fruit. These branches are the things of the world that do not mold us to become more like Jesus. He will ask us to remain steadfast in His reflection, through perseverance and endurance. As we remain, God will ask us to be ready and not give up, for the harvest He produces will be much larger and bigger than we can ever imagine. We must prepare the soil for the *mORE* God has prepared for us.

Pruning means God is working in your life, removing things that may not be honoring Him and also may be leading you in a way that would allow you to bear bad fruit..

How has God pruned you recently? Why do you think God removed these branches? How do you think He is making you more like Jesus?

Remaining means God is asking us to be in step with Him - How has God asked you to abide in this season?

Harvesting or bearing good fruit means God is flourishing in the soil you have planted - How have you seen God show up in your life when you plant yourself in His Word and His community?

In order to be pruned, to remain and to bear good fruit, we must continue to seek Jesus in all aspects of our life. The soil we prepare for the Lord is just as important as the seed that is planted.

What is one action step you can take this week to continue to nourish the soil? Maybe that looks like getting involved at church, volunteering your time, spending time in the Word, or building a Christ centered community around you.

P R A Y

Ask one person to write down the seed (desire) God has planted in their hearts from the earlier discussion and the action step they plan to take to build good soil for this seed to flourish. Pray

over each seed and action step for each member of your group. Follow up next week to see how God continues to water the seeds in each other's lives.