

CROP PRODUCTION

Isaiah 55:10-13 | Romans 8:12-17 | Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Things to Notice about the Farmer

They are not particularly _____

They have an _____ of the seed

The production of _____ and _____

Eyes off the _____ and onto the _____

So that we become _____ too

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

In the Gospel of Matthew as we've been reading through it for Worship and Bible Study, you find lots of quotations from the Gospel of Matthew. Indeed, Matthew 8:17, as Jesus is healing sick and driving out demons, sort of an all-encompassing statement about His healing ministry, there is a quote from Isaiah 53, where it says that this servant of God took up our infirmities/pain and bore our diseases/suffering, And the following verse, Isaiah 53:5 says that, "The punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." Isaiah has a lot to say about joy and wholeness, and how they are ours through God.

Read Isaiah 52-53, and then Isaiah 61:1-3.

Reflect:

We expect pardon and wholeness from God, because He has promised it. How does that shape your worldview?

How reflective are you about the joy you have in God? How is that practiced through gratitude?

Respond:

God is producing a harvest of joy and wholeness in you.

Remember: "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me... to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair."
Isaiah 61:1a, 3ab