

# God's Nature – Tracing His Fingerprints 'Fields'

Matthew 13:18a, Mark 4:3a, Luke 8:51, 1 Peter 2:24

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.*

### Listening

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

### Engaging

Pastor John briefly alluded to Paul's statement involving his role, Apollos's role, and God's role in bringing a spiritual harvest. Have someone read 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 and discuss what you can glean from Paul's teaching on possible divisions in the church.

Have someone read Exodus 23:11 and maybe also scan through Ruth chapter 2. Built into the agricultural practices were principles of generosity and providence for people in need. How do practices like this encourage and inspire our present approach to labor and profit?

### Applying

How do you reconcile the balance between patience (that is based on divine dependence) and readiness (which is based on divine invitation and involvement)? How do we discern when it is a season of patience and when it is a season of action?

As we invited in each of the last several week's studies, challenge one another to spend some amount of time later this week around a field. What comes to mind as you consider the nature of God in this aspect of God's nature?

### Praying

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other? Where do you feel challenged or convicted?

What can we praise God for? How can we pray for our church?