

# Mission Mindset Quiet Time Series

May – The Role of the Missionary—Holy Spirit's Part vs Our Part

Week 19: God Makes It Grow

## 1 Corinthians 3:6

- Ultimately God is the one responsible for conversions, He is the one who changes hearts and makes faith grow, the only thing we are responsible for is planting and watering. We are responsible to plant the seed of truth and water it, God is the one who is responsible for how that faith grows.
- In being responsible for planting and watering, we are responsible for making sure that people get exposed to the scriptures and that we are building friendships and following up. We must open the Bible with people and deeply and truly love them, the rest is up to God.
  - *Why do we often put the weight to convert people on ourselves?*
  - *What happens when we feel responsible for people's conversions? What happens when we understand our role is just to plant and water?*
  - *Which are you better at, planting or watering?*

## 1 Corinthians 3:7-8

- We are rewarded by God for our efforts, not the results. We are responsible for our efforts of planting and watering, God is responsible for the results.
- We are accountable to God for how much we plant and water, for how hard we are working at planting and watering, not the results, but rather how much effort we are willing to put into those two areas.
  - *Honestly, how are you doing currently at planting seeds? (Evangelism)*
  - *How well are you watering those seeds and building deep friendships? (Follow up)*
- Whether someone accepts or rejects the gospel is not up to us, it is up to God, but what we can control is whether they get the choice. We must be men and women that are willing to radically plant and water seeds so God can make those seeds grow.

Application: Realize that the pressure to convert someone is not on you, God is in charge of the results, we are in charge of the effort. We are not rewarded based on results but rather on our effort. Rejoice in being able to work alongside God and others in this great work.

This week, take an honest assessment of your current efforts, how are you doing with planting (evangelism) and watering (follow up and friendship). Which area do you need the most help growing in? Discuss this with one person on the mission team.