

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

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I. Introduction. Texts: Matthew 13, John 12.

II. We are “seeds.” If you are a child of the king Jesus, you are a seed among other things.

III. Jesus is the sower.

IV. The field is the world.

A. The seed does not choose where to go.

B. We must be available to serve wherever God wants us.

V. Unless the seed dies, it abides alone. If it dies, it bears much fruit.

A. The believer who dies relinquishes control. (Luke 14)

B. The seed that does not die to itself abides alone. (Ecclesiastes 8:8)

C. One’s life is the sum total of all his or her activities and relationships.

D. We have to be open-handed about our possessions and relationships.

E. The cross is a voluntary instrument of death.

F. Lordship means to relinquish control.

Application questions:

1. How does the seed illustration help us to see that we are not in control of our ministry?

2. What does it mean to die to oneself?

3. To what areas of ministry may God be calling you? Spend some time in prayer and write your reflections below.
