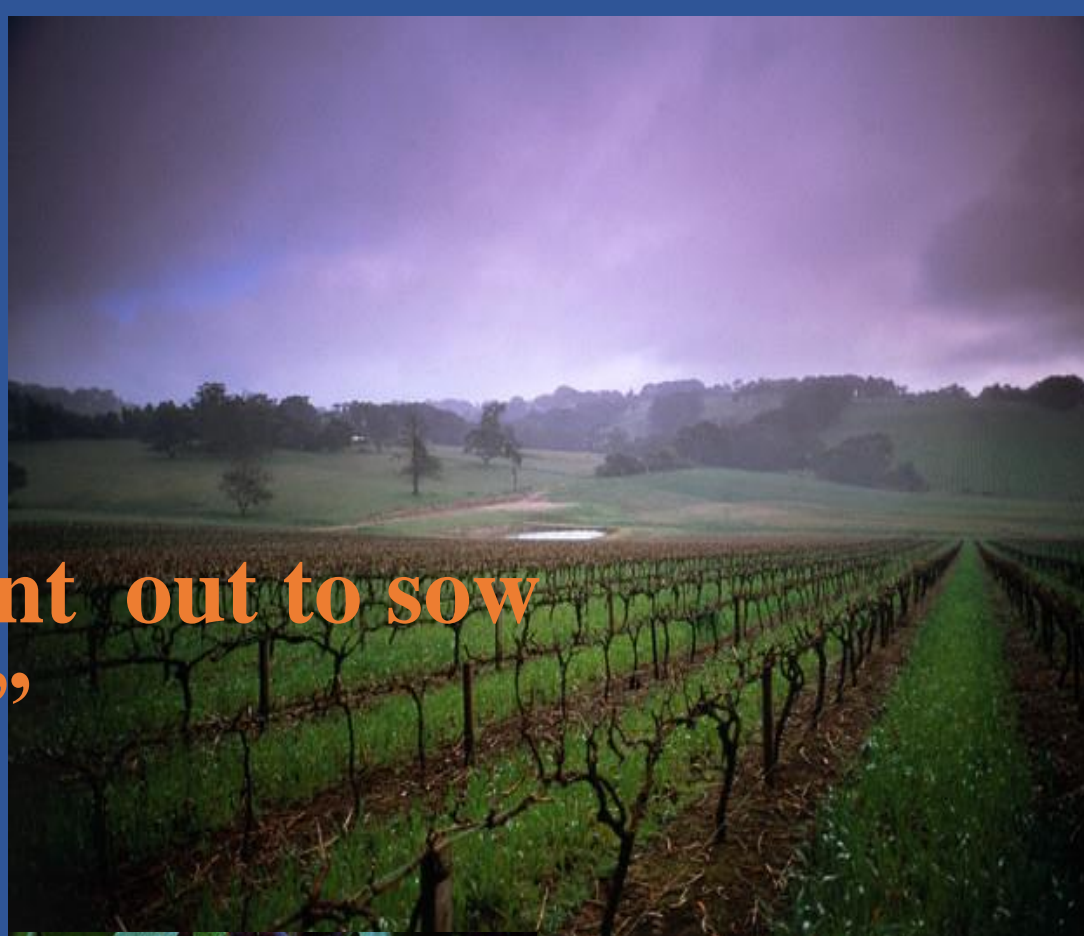


“A sower went out to sow
his seed”



Who IS the sower?

He, Jesus, went on through the cities & villages, proclaiming & bringing the Good News of the Kingdom

...and He sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God

As the Father has sent me into the world, so I have sent them (and us) into the world

Teaming up with Jesus....

“He sent them out where He Himself was about to go.”



The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers.
You prayed, we went....
Is it your time to go?



So, what is the seed?!

Proclaiming the Good News of of the Kingdom
The Gospel!



The world is the field!
We are the seed that Jesus has sown!



THE SEED!

- “And the Word was God! And the Word became flesh & dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory” (John 1:1,14)
- ... “you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and abiding WORD of God.” (1 Peter 1:23)
- ... and THIS Word is the Good News that was preached to you. (1 Peter 1:25)

What does the Sower expect? Varying responses!



What does the Sower expect?
...only some will grow, persevere, and reproduce



What does the Sower expect?
That we continue to sow & cultivate.... Where we are!



Gospel seeds sown in the 1990's... sprout & produce fruit!
It takes time!!!



What does the Sower desire?
Fruit that remains!



What does the Sower expect?

SCANDAL!!!

You're evangelicals? NO!!!

***The Gospel itself can be a stumbling
block,...***

But to others it will be LIFE!

"Beijinhos!" THE sign of acceptance

"We can not be critical or complain!"

"Make sure that you are not the scandal!!!"

"It will take 8 years before you begin to see fruit!"

Opposition!!!!

*"Go your way; I am sending you out as
lambs among wolves."*

*"the world has hated them because they are
not of this world,
just as I am not of this world."*

A party is coming!!!
And you're invited!!!

“Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!”

“He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.” (Psalm 126:5-6)

“Looking unto Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the JOY that was set before Him (US) endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:2)

Thank you! LOVE, the incarnation of the Gospel

- *“that God would give you the words to transmit all of our gratitude that we in Portugal have for all of the time we have been able to have you with us...”*
- *“I just want to leave you with my appreciation and profound gratitude for aaaaaaaaaaall that you have given to this nation which you adopted for your own.”*
- *“Thank you for loving us well.”*
 - *“We are here because of you.”*
- *“Thank you for who you are”*



The blessing

“I will bless you!
...you will be a blessing!”



AO VIVO 15



Vai na Sua Graça, Vai na Sua bênção!

*//Por tudo o que tens feito, Por tudo
que vais fazer*

*Por tuas promessas e tudo o que
És, Eu quero Te agradecer com
todo o meu ser//*

*Te agradeço meu Senhor (2x)
Te agradeço por me libertares e
salvares, Por teres morrido em meu
lugar*

*Te agradeço, Jesus Te agradeço,
Eu Te agradeço, Te agradeço!*

*//For everything You have done,
For everything You are going to do
For Your promises and everything
You are, I want to thank you with
my whole being//*

*I thank you, my Lord (2x)
I thank You for freeing and saving
me, For having died in my place
I thank You, Jesus, I thank You, I
thank YOU, I thank you!*



*Jesus said that the harvest is huge & ripe. But there are not enough harvesters to bring it all in. Now, off you go! I am sending you out even though you feel as vulnerable as lambs going into a pack of wolves.”
Luke 10:2-3, Passion Version*

