



GROW. PRAY. SERVE.



Series: GROW AGAIN IN 2010!
Message: "Overcome the Barriers"

PRAYER: God of the breakthrough, we thank you for your power to deliver. Make our hearts now available to receive your Word. Let your Word take root in our souls that we might bring forth fruit that lasts. We thank you for your faithfulness all the days of our lives. Empower each member of our group to greater faithfulness and productivity. We give your name the glory. In the miraculous name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: If your life were a plant, what type would it be? Why?

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Read Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23. Complete the following chart.

4 Types of Soil	What characterizes each?	What happens to the seed?

2. What type of soil do you really want to be? Honestly, what type of soil are you most of time now?
3. What one action could you take do this week to improve how you listen to God’s Word?
4. What can you do to increase the amount of time you spend in the Word? What is your greatest challenge getting the Word “planted” in you?

CHALLENGE: Making room for God and God’s Word is a huge challenge for everybody. Set aside 5 minutes this week to read the scripture every day.

SERVE: Spend time as a group discussing how you can encourage each other to hear the Word and put it to work in your lives.

CHAMPION TIP: This parable encourages spiritual sowers. The farmer sowed good seed, but not all the seed sprouted and even the plants that grew had varying yields. Don’t be discouraged if you do not always see results as you faithfully “sow” the gospel. God alone grows people— we are called to sow God’s seed.