Sermon-based Small Groups
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A Time for Harvest

Hosea 10:12

Week of October 19, 2025

This week's scripture:

Sow for yourselves righteousness;
reap steadfast love;
break up your fallow ground;
for it is time to seek the Lord,
that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

Scripture Reflection Questions: Read this week's scripture together and discuss the following:

- What do we learn about God (e.g., traits, personality, what matters, priorities) in this passage?
- What do we learn about people, and ourselves in particular, this week?

Sermon Reflection Questions: Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:

- What comes to mind when you hear the word harvest? How have you experienced "harvest seasons" in your own life—times of growth, fruitfulness, or renewal?
- Have you ever gone through a season where your spiritual life felt like "fallow ground"? What did that feel like?
- Hosea calls God's people to "break up your fallow ground." What does that metaphor mean in the context of our spiritual lives?
- What practices (prayer, confession, Sabbath, service, community, etc.) help "break open" your heart again to God's renewing work?
- "Sow for yourselves righteousness" implies acts of dependence on God. What are some "seeds" of righteousness you can sow in daily life—at work, home, or in your community?
- Hosea says the harvest of righteousness is *steadfast love* (*hesed*—God's faithful, covenant love). How is love the natural outcome of dependence on God?