

It's All About God

Session #6 – Farming With Jesus

“Ultimately teachers get more lasting effects from what they are than from any particular method. ‘I am the way, the truth and the life’ said Jesus (John 14:6).”

- E.H. Ijams, *Christian Bible Teacher*, 1966

“In the Gospels, Jesus is called a teacher forty-five times and is said to be teaching forty-five times, for a total of ninety times. How many Christians are teachers? If they’re real teachers, all of them!”

- E. H. Ijams, “Basic Facts, Conditions and Principles Involved in Christian Teaching,” 1975.

Thinking It Over

Can you think of a teacher who had an impact and planted seeds in your life?

What qualities did that teacher possess?

Why is teaching so important? Why do you think James addressed James 3:1 to teachers?

Exploring the Text

Read 1 Corinthians 3:4-15. The Christians at Corinth were divided, and many had spread out into different camps, depending on who it was that baptized them. What does this passage teach us about the process of conversion?

How does Paul describe the work of teaching? Can you think of people in whose lives you have planted or watered seeds? What discourages us from teaching?

Bringing It Home

Think of one teacher, either one you had or that is currently teaching in this congregation, that you can send a note of appreciation.