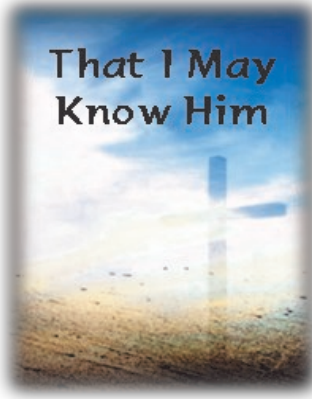


Time to Plow

That I May
Know Him



Matthew 13:3-9
Hosea 10:12
Jeremiah 4:3

Four types of soil

trampled ground

rocky ground

weed infested ground

fertile ground

I. Plowing is foundational

Hebrews 3:12-13

II. Plowing is essential

1) To kill weeds and thorns

Jeremiah 4:3; Matthew 13:22

2) To expose and remove stones

3) To prepare the ground for rain

Hosea 10:12; Hebrews 6:7

Matthew 5:6; Isaiah 44:3

Psalm 81:10-16

III. Plowing is seasonal

Isaiah 28:24-25

It is time to plow when...

We can no longer hear God

There is no power behind our profession

We have lost our first love for Christ

Our lives are spiritually dry

We are justifying sin

We are calloused to the needs of others

We are neglecting prayer and the Bible

We have little desire for Christian fellowship

We are ungrateful for God's blessings

We have a critical spirit

IV. Plowing is painful

V. Plowing is profitable

Hebrews 12:11