



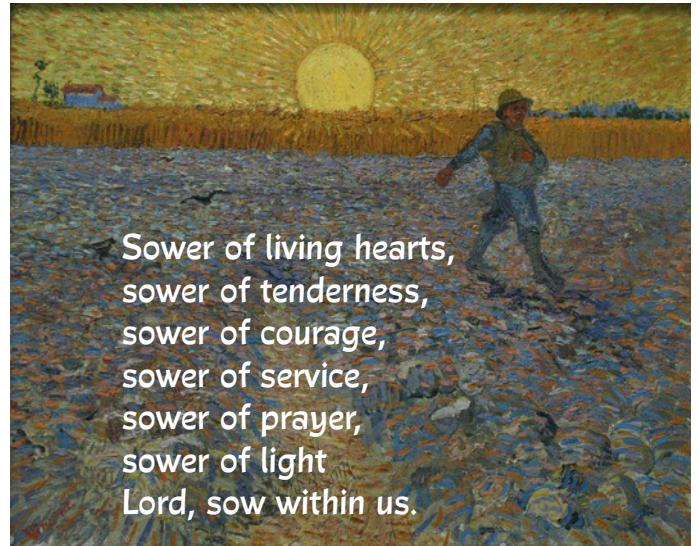
## Week 1: Me First

When we think about how the world should be, many of us start focusing on what other people need to fix. It seems like it's the other people who always need the fixing.

But Jesus always seems to be reminding us to start with ourselves. As Christians, we should continually be experiencing conversion: letting God's love break open our hearts and turning our lives completely around to seek the Kingdom. How can we break through our own resistance to the Good News and let Christ rule in our own lives?

We want to understand it, examine it, and analyze it. But God enjoins us to enter it. God calls us to turn our backs on the kingdoms of this world and embrace an upside-down world. Underlying all Jesus' teaching about the kingdom is a call to respond. He invites us not to study but to join; not to dissect but to enter. What will we do with it? How will we respond?

Donald B. Kraybill  
*The Upside-Down Kingdom*



Sower of living hearts,  
sower of tenderness,  
sower of courage,  
sower of service,  
sower of prayer,  
sower of light  
Lord, sow within us.

Sower of gifts,  
sower of forgiveness,  
sower of faith,  
sower of joy  
sower of life,  
sower of the Beatitudes.  
Lord, sow in the hearts of all people!

Even if we are hard as stones,  
be patient with us!  
Your Good News  
will manage to slip  
between the tight cracks  
in our rock and will  
grow into giant sheaves  
of Good News!

Charles Singer and Albert Hari  
*Experience Jesus Today*

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#### Video Trailer

View a two minute video introducing this series and looking to the four weeks ahead.

#### On Being Wrong

"Wrongologist" Kathryn Schulz argues that we need to admit and embrace our human tendency to be wrong. See how her insights and tools from our own faith can help us get beyond ourselves to live into the Kingdom.

#### Songs From the Kingdom

Each week, listen to some music from different genres that bring the vision of Kingdom to life.

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