

Planted — Sermon Summary

Ps Don McDonell 30 Aug 2026

A structured breakdown for teaching, reflection, and group discussion.

Chapter 1 — The Danger of Becoming Uprooted

Scripture: *Luke 8:5–8 — The Parable of the Sower*

Summary:

Ps Don opens with the image of a plant uprooted by storms, comparing it to believers who lose stability in their faith when adversity hits.

He emphasises how small things can uproot Christians if they are not planted deeply.

Quoted lines:

“So many people get uprooted in their faith and it’s only little things. It doesn’t take much.”

“Some fell by the wayside and it was trampled down.”

Key Themes:

- Spiritual vulnerability
- Early-stage faith being easily trampled
- Importance of discipleship groups (Blokes, iGroups)

Bible Study Questions:

- What “little things” have the power to uproot your faith?
 - Where in your life do you need deeper planting?
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Chapter 2 — Moisture: The Flow of the Holy Spirit

Scripture: *Luke 8:6 — “It withered because it lacked moisture”*

Supporting Scripture: Ephesians 5:18 — “Be filled with the Spirit”

Summary:

Moisture represents the **Holy Spirit’s flow**. Without the Spirit, seeds (believers) cannot germinate, grow, or produce fruit.

Ps Don stresses that Christianity is not “do, do, do” but **be filled**.

Quoted lines:

“I believe the moisture is the flow of the Holy Spirit that flows through your life.”

“Be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Key Themes:

- Holy Spirit empowerment
- Spiritual energy and joy
- The supernatural life vs. religious duty

Bible Study Questions:

- Where do you feel spiritually dry?
 - What practices help you stay filled with the Spirit?
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Chapter 3 — Planted in the House of the Lord

Scripture: *Psalm 92:12–14 — “Those who are planted... will flourish”*

Summary:

Being planted means belonging, committing, and staying rooted in God’s house.

Flourishing is not automatic—it is the result of **consistent planting**.

Quoted lines:

“Those who are planted in the house of the Lord will flourish.”

“We’re not going to be barely poking out of the ground.”

Key Themes:

- Belonging to a spiritual family
- Flourishing through consistency
- Growth in old age and longevity of faith

Bible Study Questions:

- What does “planted” look like in your weekly rhythm?
 - How has being planted helped you flourish?
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Chapter 4 — Planted People Stand, Pray, and Stay Bold

Scripture:

Acts 4:29 — “Grant your servants boldness”

Philippians 4:6 — “Do not be anxious... pray”

Summary:

Planted believers respond differently to pressure:

- They stand when others fall
- They pray when others panic
- They seek boldness, not escape

Quoted lines:

“Planted people stand when others fall.”

“Planted people pray for boldness, not escape.”

Key Themes:

- Spiritual resilience
- Prayer as first response
- Courage in adversity

Bible Study Questions:

- Where do you need boldness instead of escape?

- How does planting strengthen your prayer life?
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Chapter 5 — Identity: Who You Are in Christ

Scripture:

Romans 1:1 — “Paul, a bondservant...”

2 Corinthians 5:17 — “New creation”

Summary:

Paul begins Romans by declaring his new identity. Ps Don teaches that planting begins with knowing who you are in Christ.

Your past labels no longer define you.

Quoted lines:

“What you thought I was, I’m no longer.”

“I’m a brand new creation.”

Key Themes:

- Identity transformation
- Breaking past labels
- Receiving God’s prophetic destiny

Bible Study Questions:

- What labels from your past still try to define you?
 - How does planting reinforce your identity?
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Chapter 6 — Revelation: Knowing Whose You Are

Scripture:

Matthew 16:16–18 — “You are the Christ... you are Peter”

John 10:27 — “My sheep hear my voice”

Summary:

Revelation comes from being planted in God’s house. When Peter recognised Jesus, Jesus revealed Peter’s identity.

You discover whose you are when you stay in God’s presence.

Quoted lines:

“When you get planted... God reveals to you who He is.”

“He starts to tell you who you are.”

Key Themes:

- Revelation through proximity
- Identity through relationship
- The church as God’s altar

Bible Study Questions:

- What has God revealed to you recently?
- How does church community help you hear God?

Chapter 7 — Dying to Self: The Seed Must Die

Scripture:

John 12:24 — “Unless a seed dies...”

Galatians 2:20 — “I no longer live...”

Summary:

Planting requires sacrifice.

A seed must die before it can grow.

Ps Don shares personal stories of laying down old habits, addictions, and past life.

Quoted lines:

“This little seed... once it goes into the ground, it literally dies.”

“Unless it comes to the altar... you’ll carry it out with you.”

Key Themes:

- Surrender
- Breaking old patterns
- The altar as a place of transformation

Bible Study Questions:

- What needs to “die” in your life for new growth to begin?
- What altar moments have shaped your faith?

Chapter 8 — Freedom: Purchased to Be Set Free

Scripture:

Galatians 5:1 — “It is for freedom...”

1 Corinthians 6:20 — “You were bought with a price”

Summary:

Ps Don shares the powerful story of a slave girl purchased only to be set free.

This illustrates Christ’s redemption—He bought us to free us, not enslave us.

Quoted lines:

“I purchased you today to set you free.”

“Jesus paid the price... you should never be a slave again.”

Key Themes:

- Redemption
- Freedom from sin and curses
- The power of Christ’s blood

Bible Study Questions:

- What areas of your life still feel enslaved?
 - How does Christ’s purchase change your identity?
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Chapter 9 — Breaking Curses & Walking in Victory

Scripture:

Galatians 3:13 — “Christ became a curse for us”

James 5:14–16 — Prayer and healing

Summary:

The sermon ends with a strong altar call: Generational curses, addictions, sickness, depression, and spiritual bondage are broken through Christ’s victory.

Quoted lines:

“The curse is broken in Jesus’ name.”

“Bought with a price... to be set free.”

Key Themes:

- Deliverance
- Healing
- Spiritual authority
- Living in victory

Bible Study Questions:

- What curses or patterns need breaking in your family line?
 - How can you walk daily in Christ’s victory?
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