



ADAPT TO SEASONS



Skill

Adapt to Seasons is discerning leaders navigating churches through seasons of weakness and strength, defeat and victory, rebellion and revival.

Design

Adapt to Seasons (harvest seasons) > The picture is a farmer patient and faithful through four harvest seasons: 1) cultivating soil, 2) sowing seeds, 3) watering plants, and 4) reaping a great harvest. The **sketch** is a rain cloud and shining sun illustrating how changing weather is an good analogy for the unpredictable life challenges and ministry seasons that every church will face.

Story

Multiplying Seeds (Mark 4:26-32)

This story demonstrates Adapt to Seasons as a kingdom skill because we clearly see Jesus preparing His disciples for future leadership challenges by explaining the growth and multiplication process in the context of changing seasons. Jesus explains how handfuls of seeds scattered across healthy soil multiply into a fruitful crop. The farmer is faithful every day to nurture planted seeds as they rise up from the ground and ripen.

Scriptures

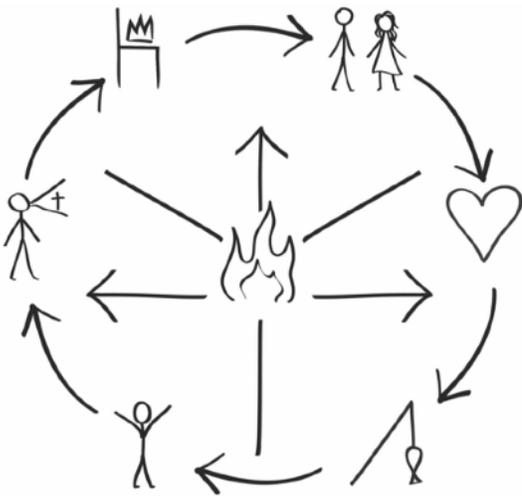
Psalms 103:15-16 > As for man, his days are like grass - he blooms like a flower of the field. When the wind passes over it, it vanishes, and its place is no longer known.

James 4:14-15 > You don't even know what tomorrow will bring - what your life will be! For you are like smoke that appears for a little while, then vanishes. Instead, you should say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

Lesson Summary

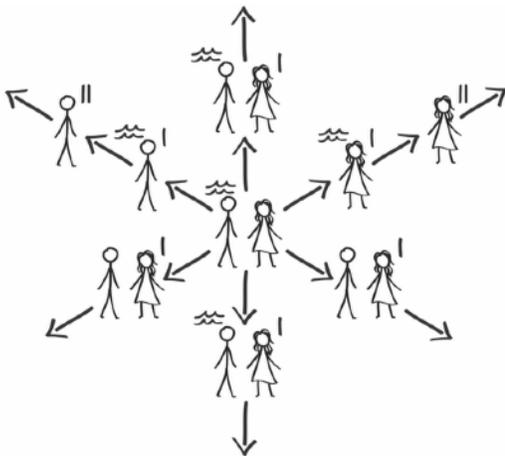
Adapt to Seasons requires a complete trust in Yahweh's sovereign direction over and timing in our lives. As we experience challenges, spiritual warfare, suffering, and persecution, we grow deeper in our relationship with God and learn to find joy and experience peace in His presence (Philippians 4:11-14). Yahweh holds time and fruitfulness in His hands: He appoints times and shepherds seasons (Ecclesiastes 3:1-15). We thirst for spiritual revival in each generation, and when the Holy Spirit births an awakening to Yahweh's glory and majesty, His people celebrate with great joy (Nehemiah 8:8-12).

Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?