

## *Resources for further meditation, study and involvement*

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## *Sowing the Seeds:*

### *A Journey of acting on God's dream for rural America*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ covenant with God and the people of America to do the following to make God's dream come to be:

**I will pray** that God's vision for rural America will come to be.

My prayer practice will involve: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**I will study and take action** in the following ways:

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**I will do all this between now and** \_\_\_\_\_

According to God's Word in Isaiah 65:21-23, *They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will the days of my people be; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord.*"



*Sowing the Seeds:*

*A Journey of acting on God's dream for rural America*

*Group Covenant*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

We covenant with God and the people of America to do the following to make God's dream come to be:

**We will pray** that God's vision for rural America will come to be.

My prayer practice will involve: \_\_\_\_\_

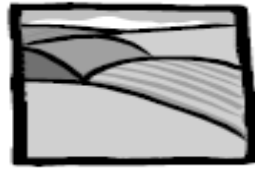
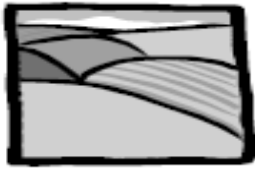
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**We will study and take action** in the following ways: \_\_\_\_\_

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**We will do all this between now and** \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures:



Rating range: 1 is excellent and 10 is poor; circle the number that reflects your evaluation.

**Facilitators:** The instructions for facilitation were 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Comments and questions for further exploration: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Group:** How did the curriculum meet the intended goals? \_\_\_\_\_

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Create space to hear the voice of God and be open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit

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Encourage discussion about trends in rural America communities

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Explore biblical understandings of land management

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Discuss how public policy shapes our future

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Discuss the pros and cons of policy proposals for a better future

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Inspire participants to commit to actions that will create a better rural future

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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