

RURALTM MINISTRIES

Encouraging mission, enabling pioneers & equipping the church

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WHY RURAL?

95% of the UK is rural

Growing population

Rural is different & often forgotten

1 rural church faces prospect of
closure every week



MISSIONAL

L I S T E N I N G

THE IMPORTANCE OF LISTENING

“[Christians] turn up with our pre-fabricated mode of church. We know exactly what ministries or programs we’re going to offer, and we place it in our neighbourhood or community, whether they want it or like it or not.”



THE IMPORTANCE OF LISTENING

The model of Jesus -
Begins where God is -
We've never been this way before -
Fulfills the role of a missionary -
Shows we care -
Recognises the origins of humankind -



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WHY LISTEN
TO THEM?

THE IMPORTANCE OF LISTENING

*Then God said, “Let us make human beings in
our image, to be like us.”*

*So God created human beings in his own image.
In the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.*

Genesis 1:26a,27

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WHERE AND HOW



WHERE & HOW

- What is our community? –
- Local gathering points & flows –
- Everyone has a story –
- Places to listen –
- Walk of awareness –

WHAT TO LISTEN FOR

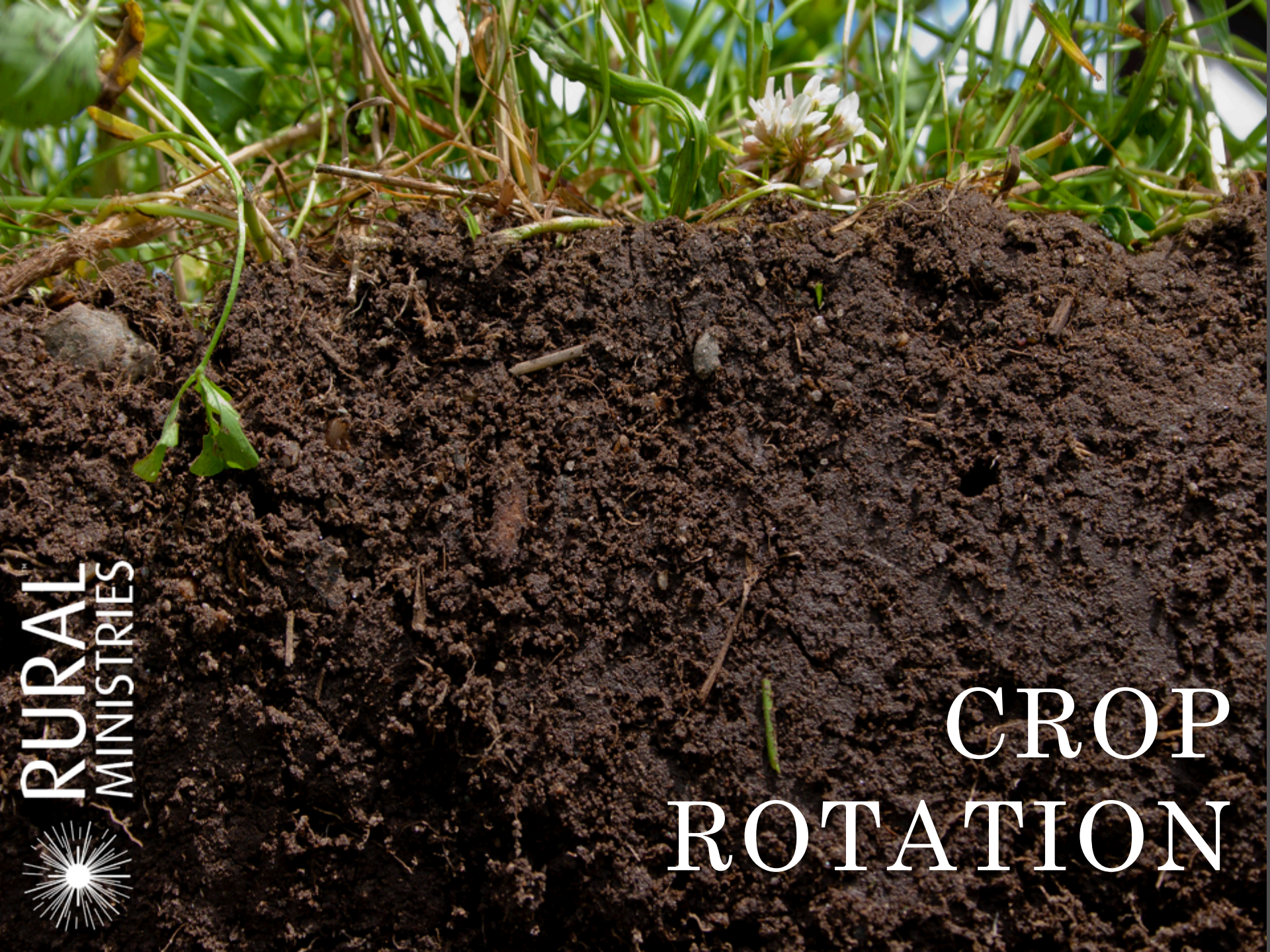
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WHAT TO LISTEN FOR

- Places of darkness & difficulty –
- Where we live & work –
- Existing connections –
- Partnership opportunities –
- Listen to your gut –
- Finding the person of peace –
- Historical patterns –



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CROP ROTATION



SOILS & SEASONS

What is the condition of the soil? –
What is the season of the church? –
Spring/summer/autumn/winter –

*You may say that there are still four months
until harvest time. But I tell you to look, and
you will see that the fields are ripe and ready
to harvest.*

WHAT NEXT?



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Partner –
Providential –
Presence –
Plant –

Continue to listen!

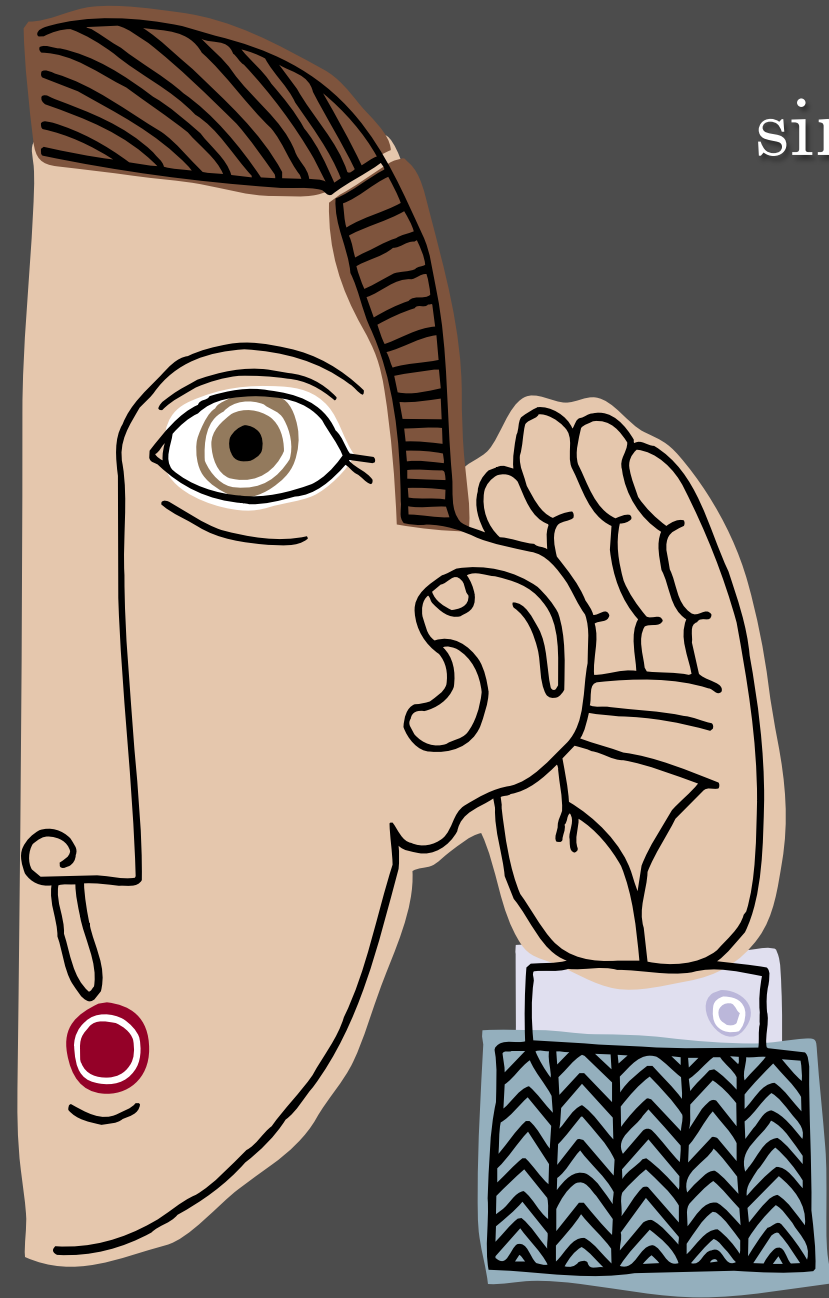


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