

RISING TIDE: Episode Three – First Fruits

“The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.” Mark 4:26-28 ESV

1. Which of the true stories did you find most remarkable? Were any similar to your own spiritual journey?

2. Craig Coulbourne shares, “It is a real privilege to be able to connect with people and sow seeds in their heart, to watch God cause those seeds to grow and produce fruit, and then just to see someone change, it is extremely exciting ...” What joy do those who share the gospel receive? (cf. Psalm 126:5, Luke 15:10)

3. What evidences did you see of God’s providence (glimpses of His working behind the scenes)?

4. Why was the English Bible study a good starting place for the missionary team to use in building bridges with the Japanese? With what result? (cf. Isaiah 55:10-11)

5. How did the “culture” of Oyumino Church facilitate people exploring the claims of Christ? (cf. 1 Thes. 2:8)