

## QUESTIONS:

### INTERIOR:

How does farming expand a spiritual leader's understanding of **self, faith and vocation**?

### EXTERIOR:

How does farming expand a spiritual leader's understanding of **creation, people and culture**?

## METHODS:

- Conversations with 13 pastors and 5 imams from Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo, and Ivory Coast.
- Based in Burkina Faso

## BACKGROUND:

- Training small-scale farmers in sustainable practices.

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## INTERIOR RESULTS

(self, vocation, and faith)



*A man from western Burkina Faso proudly shows the ECHO staff his corn grown using the Foundations for Farming technique*

- **Solidarity:** Because they are farmers like the rest of the community, a spiritual leaders' ministry and ability to empathize with the community is more effective (**Self**)
- **Stewardship** : God's charge to steward the earth becomes applicable & relevant (**Vocation**).
- **Sovereignty** : Planting seeds is a (**Faith**) exercise in trusting that God is sovereign to make them grow.

"People will come for the 5 loaves of bread, but in the end they will hear the gospel"

– PASTOR SILAS (GHANA)

## EXTERIOR RESULTS

(creation, people, and culture)



*Pastor Paul from Koala, Burkina Faso sits in between two Muslim men during a training in Farming God's Way.*

- **Blessing Creation:** The work of farming and ECHO's training leads pastors and imams to care for all created things.
- **Holism:** Their ministry is not only focused on **people's** spiritual well-being, but is more catered to respond to physical needs as well.
- **Contextualization:** Since their **culture** is heavily impacted by farming, spiritual leaders are able to better connect with the cultures written about in the Bible and the Quran. Passages that speak of farming are especially easy to teach.

"You are blessed when you farm because you add to your count in Heaven by feeding the birds and goats who will eat from your field"

– IMAM ELIAS (BURKINA FASO)