

Discipleship 101: Kingdom Growth & Kingdom Fruit

Mark 4:21-34

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- Last Week: Discipleship 101: The Sower & The Seed
- Two Sermons— Discipleship 101
 - Discipleship 101: The Sower & The Seed (**Mark 4:1-20**)
 - Discipleship 101: Kingdom Growth & Kingdom Fruit (**Mark 4:21-34**)
- Pattern In **Mark 4-9**: Jesus' Teaching & Signs That Reveal Who He Is

Discipleship 101: How To Pay Close Attention (Mark 4:21-25, 33-34)

- With So Many Distractions It Is Easy To _____ & _____ (**Mark 4:1-20**)
- 1. Confidence In _____ & _____ God's Word Is Central To Discipleship (**Mark 4:21-23**)
- 2. It Is Downright _____ Kingdom Communication (**Mark 4:21-23**)
- 3. Part Of Growing As A Disciple Is Learning To Give What You've Got Or _____
_____ (**Mark 4:24-25**)
- 4. Believe That God Is More _____ Than We Are (**Mark 4:25**)
 - What Is God Saying To You Through His Word & By His Spirit?

Discipleship 101: How To Not Get Discouraged (Mark 4:26-29)

- When Considering The Struggle Of The Soil It's Easy To Grow Discouraged (**Mark 4:1-20**)
- 1. The Sower Must Not Expect Ripe Grain To Appear _____ (**Mark 4:26-29**)
- 2. It Is In ' _____ ' That God's Kingdom Continues To Grow (**Mark 4:27**)
- 3. The Growth Of Grain Is _____ & The Processes Of Life Are Mysterious (**Mark 4:26-29**)

"A tree is most valuable when laden with ripe fruit, but it has a peculiar beauty when in blossom." John Newton, *Select Letters of John Newton*

- **αὐτόματος** (automatos) - By itself (**Mark 4:28**)

4. The Seed Has _____ In Itself! The Principle Of Life Is At Work!

Be Encouraged: Do Not Judge The Harvest By What Your Eyes Can See, Any More Than You Would Judge A Harvest Just After The Seed Is Sown

Discipleship 101: How To Think Big (Mark 4:30-32)

- How Can This _____ Grow Into A Massive Harvest? (**Mark 4:1-20**)

1. Think Big By Starting _____ (**Mark 4:30-31**)
2. God's Kingdom Seems To Be So Small But It _____ The Earth (**Rev. 5:9**)
 - Birds Of The Air Probably _____ For The Nations Of The Earth
3. Jesus Does _____ Everything To Us At Once (**Mark 4:33**)
4. The Seed Of God's Kingdom Will _____ & _____ ...
 - Jesus & ___ Disciples (**Mark 3:13-19**)
 - _____ In The Upper Room (**Acts 1:15**)
 - _____ People Received The Word & Were Baptized On Pentecost (**Acts 2:41**)
 - " _____ " (**Acts 4:4**)
 - "More And More Believed(**Acts 5:14**)
 - "The Disciples Were Increasing In Number" (**Acts 6:1**)
 - "And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith."(**Acts 6:7**)
 - Today, An Estimated _____ 'Christians 'In The World That Claim An Association With Jesus Christ!
 - About One-Third Of The Total Population Of The Planet!
 - "for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." (**Revelation 5:9-10**)

How We As A Church Encourage & Become A Culture Of Sowing?

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways do you boldly "let your light shine"? In what ways is it difficult for you to let your light shine for Christ?
2. What evidence of growth and grace have you seen in your spiritual life in the last year? How has your relationship with Christ changed over this past season?
3. Does knowing that the growth of God's kingdom is ultimately in God's hands cause you to rest or to work more? Why?
4. At what stage is the kingdom in your life now: Still a seed? Sprouting? Outgrowing the weeds"? Producing a harvest?

Suggested Reading: *Select Letters of John Newton*, printed by Banner Of Truth

Key Words For Kids To Count: Seed