

**Jesus: Serving, Sovereign Savior**  
**The Impact of Truth - Mark 4:21-34**

**Intro:** “If you want to do things you’ve never done before, then you’ve got to do things you’ve never done before.”

**I. \_\_\_\_\_ the Truth – Mark 4:21-25**

Spurgeon - “The Bible is not the light of the world, it is the light of the Church. But the world does not read the Bible, the world reads Christians! You are the light of the world.”

Lamps and our lives do not accomplish their purpose if hidden away.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ – God’s truth becoming known.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ – God’s truth vs. World’s truth.
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ – What is yours? Where is yours?

**II. \_\_\_\_\_ in Truth – Mark 4:26-29**

God’s Word, when active in your life causes growth (James 4:21-22).

- A. Learn God’s Word as your \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Do what God’s Word \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- C. Trust God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and ways in your life,
- D. Be patient with the \_\_\_\_\_ of growth.

**III. \_\_\_\_\_ the Truth – Mark 4:30-32**

Faith in the sovereign work of Christ and in the power of sowing truth is needed for kingdom impact in this world

The proclamation of the \_\_\_\_\_ that has kingdom impact.

**Conclusion:** Jesus required the disciples (and requires us) to do things not done before—or remaining faithful—for full kingdom impact.

In Christ’s kingdom, doing what you’ve not done before gives you the privilege of being used in ways for kingdom impact that you have not seen before.

## Small Group Questions

1. What is something that once you started doing it, made a difference in your life?
2. Which do you think is more important for kingdom impact, how we “talk” or how we “walk?”
3. What is a way that God has given you for your “light” to shine?
4. What makes some seasons in life unproductive and stale?
5. Read James 4:21-22. What are key principles in these verses for you to grow spiritually and in fruitfulness?
6. How does the parable of seed growing (Mark 4:26-29) show the importance of patience in spiritual growth?
7. How does the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32) emphasize God’s sovereignty? How can it keep God’s people from being discouraged over current trends and events?
8. How is God calling you to think differently?
9. What is God calling you to do as you go about your daily life?