

# NOTES & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## SURRENDER: LEAVE IT TO ME

### SERMON SUMMARY

This sermon centers on Jesus' parable in Mark 4:26–29 to show that God's kingdom grows in ways we can't control, calling believers to a life of surrender. While people naturally chase results and resist giving up control, true faith means trusting God with outcomes. Our role is simple but challenging: plant seeds by sharing faith and obedience in small, everyday ways, and then surrender the results to God, who alone produces growth. The "harvest" represents transformed lives, and the vision of reaching many people is rooted in God's promise of abundance. Ultimately, the message is that spiritual impact doesn't come from striving for control, but from faithfully doing our part and trusting God to bring the increase.

### KEY POINTS

- Surrender feels unnatural but is essential – We resist giving up control because we equate it with failure, yet Scripture calls us to give, submit, and commit everything to God.
  - **Surrender is the act of placing our life, your will, and your outcomes into God's hands and trusting him for the results.**
- Surrender is the pathway to God's power.
- **God promises a plentiful harvest** – The "harvest" is transformed lives, and Jesus makes it clear that it's already happening and bigger than we can imagine.
  - Mark 4:29 - "The harvest has come!"
  - **A harvest can't be plentiful until the seed has been planted.**
- Our role is to plant the seed – We are not responsible for judging readiness or producing results; we simply share the message and take small, faithful steps of obedience.
  - Mark 4:26 - "...a man scatters seed..."
- We must **surrender the results** to God – Growth is "automatic" in God's kingdom; our job is faithfulness, while God alone brings transformation in His timing.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Where in your life do you find it hardest to surrender control, and why do you think that area is so difficult to trust God with?**
- 2. What does “planting a seed” look like in your everyday life right now—at work, home, or in relationships?**
- 3. How do you typically respond when you don’t see immediate results after taking a step of faith?**
- 4. The sermon says the harvest is already plentiful—where have you seen evidence of God at work in people around you?**
- 5. What is one specific step you can take this week to plant a seed and intentionally surrender the outcome to God?**