Mark 4:21-34 ESV

[21]And he said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? [22]For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. [23]If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." [24]And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. [25]For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

[26]And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. [27]He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. [28]The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. [29]But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

[30]And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? [31]It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, [32]yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

[33]With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. [34]He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Matthew 13:44-46

[44]"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
[45]"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, [46]who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

The Secret Kingdom

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Today: The growth of the Kingdom of God is a great secret that is being slowly revealed to the whole world.

Mark 4:21-34

1. The Light must SHINE ***Mark 4:21***
Isaiah 60:1-3

Light ALWAYS overcomes the darkness

2. The Truth will be REVEALED ***Mark 4:22-23***
Psalm 139:23-24, Luke 12:2-3

Nothing will remain HIDDEN.

3. The Law of INCREASE ***Mark 4:24-25***
Matthew 13:44-46

PLUS or MINUS: Which side will I be on?

4. The promise of GROWTH ***Mark 4:26-29***

Will I recognize the timing of the SPIRIT?

5. The Kingdom grows from SMALL to GREAT ***Mark 4:30-32***
Ezekiel 17:23

The STRATEGY of the Kingdom is like leaven (yeast) in bread

He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." Matthew 13:33