

MARK 4:21-34 Parables of the Kingdom

- I. **The Light of Jesus Will Not Be Hidden (4:21-25).**
 - A. If you hide it, you misuse it (4:21-23).
 - B. If you hide it, you will lose it (4:24-25).
- II. **God Will See to It That His Kingdom Grows (4:26-29).**
 - A. There is a mystery to the growth of the kingdom (4:26-27).
 - B. There is a certainty to the growth of the kingdom (4:28-29).
- III. **God's Kingdom May Begin Small, but It Will Grow Large (4:30-34).**
 - A. God's kingdom program will experience amazing results (4:30-32).
 - B. God's kingdom program requires careful explanation (4:33-34).

Share a take away from Sunday's Sermon.

Read 4:21-23. What does this parable teach us?

"I like The Message paraphrase of verse 23: "Are you listening to this? Really listening?" This call to listen is found in verses 3,9,13,23, and 24. Hearing the Word and acting on it is of tremendous importance, so a new set of ears is absolutely essential. Why?

What measure are you using? How much are you using? How do our measures affect our relationships? How do our relationships affect our witness to the gospel?

Read 4:24-25. What does this parable teach us?

Read 4:26-32. What do the last two parables teach us?

What does this parable tell us about the work of salvation?

How can your life more accurately reflect the priorities of Jesus' Kingdom?

Have you found that in the seasons of your life when you were actively responding to God's Word, these were the times when you grew the most? What made those days so productive?

The mustard seed is small but very effective, producing a tree large enough for birds to nest in. A tremendous change has happened to the mustard seed. How does this parable relate to those who receive Christ?

How is the parable of the mustard seed encouraging for those who work and pray for the expansion of the kingdom of God?

Can you give an example of something in your life that had small beginnings but grew to become more important than anything else?

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