

The Seeds of the Kingdom

Text: Mark 4:26-34

Context - Mark 4 consists of four parables. Verses 26–34 comprise the final two of these. The theme of all of them is how God's kingdom emerges and grows.

Main Idea - The kingdom of God is guaranteed to grow by the power of God until it encompasses people from every nation.

As you look at Jesus parables of the seeds...

1. _____ the seed (vs. 26)

A. Here, in Mark's only unique parable, the emphasis falls on the innate power of the seed. The Word of God has within it the power of its own success and triumph.

B. Let the word of God (the seed) loose in your life and watch it work.

2. _____ the large growth of God's Kingdom (vs. 27-32)

A. The coming of the kingdom of God is not contingent or dependent on human activity. The seed of the gospel prospers and grows of itself. Once it is sown, a process is set in motion that cannot and will not be stopped, even though its growth is a total mystery to us. (Danny Akin)

B. Take time to meditate on the growth of God's kingdom around the world in history and in our day today.

3. _____ the Parables (vs. 33-34)

A. As a disciple of Christ, the parables of Jesus must be studied because Jesus speaks often in parables. Just as they were able to understand them, so also today's disciples will grow to understand them.

B. Spend time each year studying the parables of Jesus.