

Seeds Of Imperceptible Growth - Mark 4:26-29

Intro to the Parables

- A. Context: What is going in the narrative of the story?
- B. Parables teach us about the Kingdom of God. Questions to ask Jesus about the parable:
 1. What am I to learn about God and his Kingdom?
 2. What am I to learn about being a disciple in God's Kingdom?
 3. What am I to know about those outside of the Kingdom?
- C. Major Themes of the Parables
 1. Surprising Arrival and Nature of God's Kingdom
 2. The Upside-down value system of the Kingdom
 3. Crisis Parable
- D. Jesus is the Secret to the Kingdom of God –
 - Mark 4:11, 21, 34
- E. Kingdom Principle: **“You reap what you sow, and even more!”**
 - Mark 4:20, 24-25, 2 Corinthians 9:6

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1. Confidence that the Kingdom will grow even if it's hidden
 - Isaiah 55:10-11
2. Patience because there is the promise of a future harvest
 - James 5:7-8

Devotion:

1. Jesus what are you teaching me from this parable about you and your Kingdom?
2. Where am I discouraged by the small imperceptible growth in my character or life as a disciple of Jesus?
3. Pray, “Jesus help me to hear and accept what you are trying to sow into my life today and by your Spirit help me bear much fruit for your Kingdom.”
4. Show me Jesus where you are sowing seeds in someone, so that I can work along with you in the harvest.