

Seeds Of Inconceivable Growth - Mark 4:26-34

Intro to the Parables

- A. Context: What is going in the narrative of the story?
- B. Purpose: To both reveal and conceal the Kingdom
- C. 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?
- D. 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
- E. Jesus is the Secret to the Kingdom of God –
 - Mark 4:11, 21, 34
- F. Kingdom Principle: **“You reap what you sow, and even more!”**
 - Mark 4:20, 24-25

I. Seeds Of Inconceivable Growth - Mark 4:30-34

- A. **Faith in the significant growth of God's Kingdom from miniscule beginnings gives us courage.**
- B. **Faith in the Kingdom's far-reaching blessings brings us purpose.**

C. **Small Faith in the power and presence of Jesus' Kingdom accomplishes the inconceivable.**

- It's not an increase of faith that's needed but exercising what faith you do have in Christ that's required.
1. Empowers within us to do the impossible!
 - Luke 17:1-6
 2. Removes before us obstacles to God's will!
 - Matthew 17:19-20

Devotion:

1. Jesus what are you teaching me from this parable about you and your Kingdom?
2. What am I facing that discourages me? How should my faith in God's growing Kingdom affect that?
3. Where is an offense taking root in my heart like a weed? How do I need to exercise my faith to uproot this offense and throw it into the sea?
4. Where is there an obstacle preventing me from accomplishing what Jesus wants me to do? How am I not relying on his presence and power to move it out of the way?