



Sermon Discussion Guide

04.6.25 Message | Tyler Myers | Mark 4:1-9, 26-29, 30-32

Key Scripture (ESV):

"Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

- Mark 4:1-9

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

- Mark 4:26-29

"And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, 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."

- Mark 4:30-32

Message Highlights:

- The spiritual landscape of America doesn't have a harvest problem; it has a harvester and harvesting problem.
- The Word is the seed, and the soil of our lives determines the growth.



- Sowing is not about immediate results but faithful obedience.
- Jesus' parables reflect a divine invitation to self-reflection and surrender.
- You are either sowing seeds of the Kingdom or seeds of culture every day.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What's the most surprising or challenging thing you've ever tried to grow—plant, idea, habit or otherwise?

DISCUSS THE MESSAGE

- During the message, we heard: "We don't have a harvest issue, we have a harvester issue." What do you think Tyler meant by that?
- Tyler mentioned the Word must be central to how we live. What does centering your life around the Word practically look like for you?
- An example was given during the message of a junior high girl reading the New Testament—how does that kind of discipline show spiritual growth?
- In the message, Tyler said, "Sowing doesn't shape the harvest; it shapes the sower." Share about a time when you've seen that happen in your own life.
- Tyler contrasted seeds of culture with seeds of the Kingdom. What are some signs you might be sowing cultural seeds more than spiritual ones?

THINK DEEPER

- Why do you think Jesus used farming imagery to describe the Kingdom of God? What does it say about the pace and process of spiritual growth? (*Mark 4:26-29*)
- Jesus describes different types of soil. Which type do you find yourself identifying with most in this season of life? (*Mark 4:3-9*)
- "He knows not how..." Why is this phrase from Mark 4:27 so powerful in terms of trusting God with spiritual outcomes? (*Mark 4:27*)
- What does the parable of the mustard seed suggest about the Kingdom's influence despite humble beginnings? (*Mark 4:30-32*)
- Jesus says, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." What might it mean to hear but not truly listen? (*Mark 4:9, 23-24*)

THINK LIFE CHANGE

- What's one way your approach to spiritual disciplines might need to shift to create better soil in your life?



- Are there seeds of distraction or doubt you've let take root recently? How can you uproot them?
- What are some ways in which you cultivate a life that bears lasting fruit for God's Kingdom? If you believe you need to give this area of life more attention, where would you begin?
- What does it look like for your faith to move from shallow to rooted?

THINK ENGAGE

- Who in your life could benefit from you simply scattering seeds of faith through encouragement or prayer? Name a few and hold each other accountable.
- Where do you need to stop waiting for a perfect moment and start sowing the Word faithfully?
- How can you model "sower" behavior in your workplace, neighborhood or family?

THINK KINGDOM

- How does this message challenge the way we measure success in Kingdom work?
- What does it say about God's character that he entrusts us to scatter seeds of his Kingdom?
- What's the eternal significance of how we "farm" our time, energy and relationships?