

# Thy Kingdom Come

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, January 6, 2019; Steve Thiel

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Jesus is the one true King, and the coming of His Kingdom, brings salvation and judgment. Since we know that the Lord will cause the seed of His Word to grow and the kingdom of God to triumph, believers in Christ should sow the gospel with courage and confidence and conviction.

## **I. The Revealed Kingdom – Read Mark 4:21-25**

- A. Chapter 4 is one of the few places in the gospel where Mark actually includes the content of Jesus' teaching. What is the background of Mark 1-3 that prompts Jesus' teaching in Mark 4?
- B. What are some general observations about the parables of the light and the measure? What is the purpose of light? How does that inform what Jesus is saying in these few verses?
- C. As you think about the statement, "*To whom much is given, much will be required*", do you feel like you're responding appropriately to all that you've been given by God in the gospel?

## **II. The Growing Kingdom – Read Mark 4:26-29**

- A. What do you think is the main point of the parable of the growing seed?
- B. How does the reality that God causes the growth impact the sower of the seed?
- C. God places each of his farmers in their unique fields of ministries. What areas of evangelism would you like to improve so that you are the most faithful sower of the gospel in your field?
- D. How does looking forward to heaven and the glory of God's great harvest motivate you?

## **III. The Triumphant Kingdom – Read Mark 4:30-34**

- A. What do you think is the main point of the parable of the mustard seed? In what ways was the kingdom of God the smallest kingdom? In what ways will it be the largest kingdom?
- B. How does the promise that God will grow His kingdom encourage you? How does that compare to Jesus' promise that He will build His church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it?
- C. List some of the different roles that you can play and responsibilities that you can carry with regard to participating in the growth of the kingdom of God? How can you excel still more?
- D. What do you think excites you the most about the kingdom of God as we move forward in 2019?