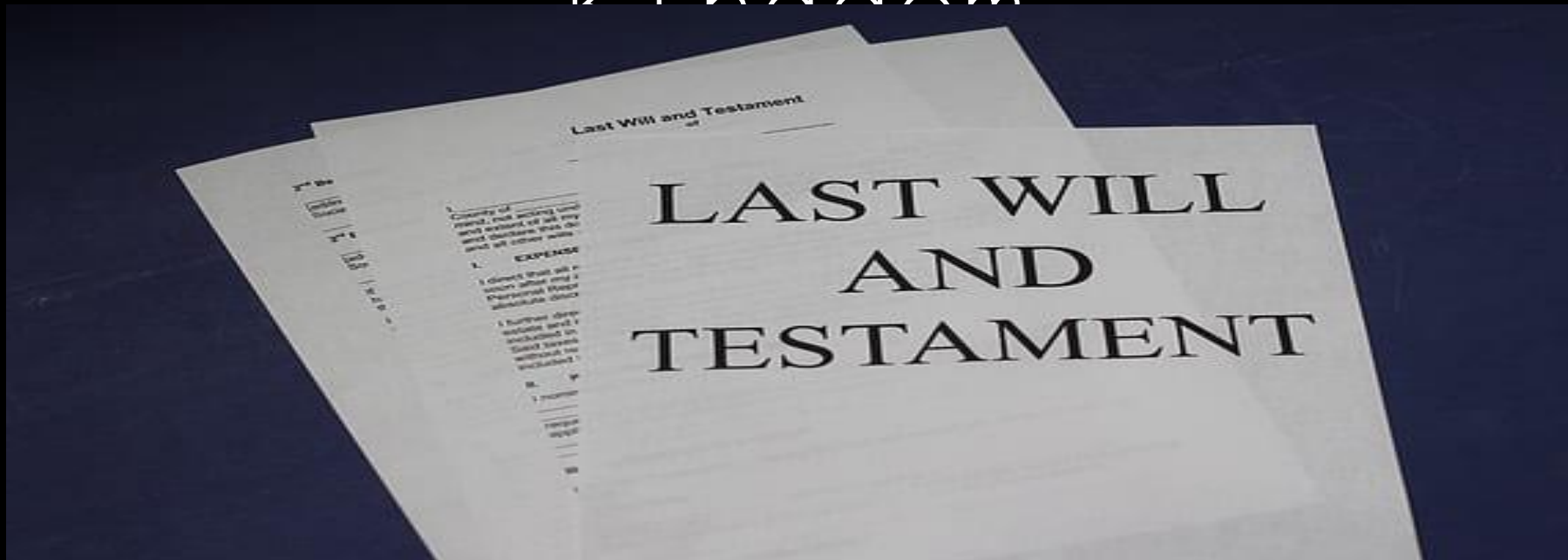


Mark 4:26-34

3 Fundamentals Of the
Advancement Of Jesus'
Kingdom



Context/Background

- Author: follower of Jesus, John Mark
- Written: (64-65 AD) Gospel of action; Jesus in motion, Mark uses word "immediately" often
- Audience: Roman world; Jesus is the Savior of whole world
- Verses: Jesus/Disciples continue to minister in and around town of Capernaum (NW corner of Sea of Galilee)
- Jesus gives further explanation about "The Kingdom Of God": His rule, reign, authority; in soul of believer and in all

Mysterious Certainty In Advancement Of Jesus' Kingdom

- (vv.26-29) Jesus teaches about His rule, authority; again uses parables about seeds/sowing
- Jesus; just like there mysterious, unseen process of seed germinating and producing fruit, so too, there unseen, spiritual aspect of Kingdom growth
- There unknown (to people), divine process at work to advance Jesus' kingdom
- We partner with that growth, not cause it. can participate in it but can't

- Matt. 16:18, "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock (his confession that Jesus is the Messiah) I will build My church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

- Eccles. 11:1, "Cast your bread upon the waters, days."



Victorious Productivity In The Advancement Of Jesus' Kingdom

- (vv.30-32) Jesus uses still another parable about seed and sowing; begins with questions- then answers them
- Jesus uses illustration of Mustard Seed, tiny seed that grows into a bush-like tree that reaches 12 to 15 feet in height
- Tiny seed at first, but grows exponentially; same way Jesus' kingdom would start out small, but explode in growth and advance to become a world-wide community
- Days of small beginnings would become

- James 4:4, "...Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an



Emphasis On Discovery In The Advancement Of Jesus' Kingdom

- (vv.33-34) Jesus here shows great emphasis on training for Kingdom work; doesn't just leave believers to figure things out on their own
- Big part of Kingdom advancement is learning God's word and becoming more like Jesus (growth outside begins with growth on inside)
- Jesus pours Himself into teaching others and explaining to them the aspects of the kingdom
- His method (parables) His message (Word

- 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved of God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
- Ps. 119:165, "Great peace have those who

