

TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS

The Kingdom of God

Mark 4

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Opening Thought Question:

What is a parable?

Further Study

Mark 1-3

Mark 5

A Mystery Sprouting (26-29)

1 Cor. 3:5-7

John 3:8

A Sapling Spreading (30-32)

A Compelling Vision for the Church... (Doodle it, or write it out)

Gal. 6:7-10

1 Cor. 1:26-31

Mark 4:35-41

*The _____ is broad. Whosoever may come, may come. The
_____ is narrow; we enter through the _____ of Christ alone.*

6 takeaways for Kingdom living right now...

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<p style="text-align: center;">TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">The Kingdom of God</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mark 4</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – Mark 4:26-32</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection and Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is it about the mysterious nature of God’s kingdom that keeps us dependent on him for growth? What are we to do or how should we respond when we faithfully sow gospel seeds, but realize little growth? 2. How does Paul help the early church understand the mystery of how it grows? (Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-10) 3. Paul talks to the church about how God uses the small things to increase and bring about his kingdom. (Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31). How does this give us hope for the church in the world today? 4. What is the result of the mustard seed’s growth? What kind of environment is produced within its branches? 5. Take time to journal or talk with others about what it looks like for a congregation and/or an individual follower of Jesus to grow deep and wide. What are some specific practices that are good for growing deeper? And what habits or patterns help our branches to spread out? <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Further Study</u></p> <p>Mark 1-3 Mark 5 1 Cor. 3:5-7 John 3:8 Gal. 6:7-10 1 Cor. 1:26-31 Mark 4:35-41</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career & Friends</p> <p>Other</p>