

Message Notes

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The Way of Jesus
Mark 4:21-33 (Parables of the Kingdom)
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The Kingdom of God

- ◆ _____ of _____ = rule, reign, or kingship of God.
- ◆ We live in a world of 2 _____ kingdoms (God/world; good/evil; light/dark). Jn. 12:31, 14:30, 16:11; 2 Cor. 4:4; 1 Jn. 5:19
- ◆ The Kingdom of God is like a light, whose _____ is to shine.
- ◆ The way of Jesus (our purpose) is _____ the light with others.

Parables of the Kingdom

The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel. Mk 4:26a-28

- ① The Kingdom of God is like a _____ seed. Mk. 4:26-29
- ◆ The seed has within it the _____ of its own success.
- ◆ The seed grows _____.
- ◆ The way of Jesus is _____ the seed. Mt. 5:13-16; Acts 13:47

It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, which such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade. Mark 4:31-32

- ② The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that starts _____ and can lead to _____ growth. Mk. 4:30-33
- ◆ The way of Jesus: don't _____ beginnings.
- ◆ The parable ends with _____ and celebration of the complete renewal and redemption of the Kingdom of God. Ps. 104:12; Ez. 17:23, 31:6; Dan. 49-51; Rev. 21:22-22:5
- ◆ What is God saying to me about the _____/_____ nature of His Kingdom?