



Warm up question:

- Have you ever gone to sleep and been surprised by something when you woke up?

Read Mark 4:21-25

1. What is the answer to Jesus' question in verse 21?
2. In light of the previous parable in Mark 4:1-21, what might Jesus be referring to when he speaks of things hidden and concealed being disclosed and brought out into the open?
3. What does it mean to 'consider carefully what you hear' as mentioned in verse 24? Practically, how could you do this in your reading and hearing of scripture?
4. What is the encouragement and the warning in verse 24-25? What is the danger of not hearing and not responding to the word?

Read Mark 4:26-29

5. What does this tell us about how the kingdom grows? What is our role in the growth of the kingdom?
6. What does the grain's growth in verse 28 tell us about Kingdom growth?
7. What does the harvest in verse 29 mean, and when will that come?

Read Mark 4:30-34

8. What does the mustard seed and mustard bush tell us about God's Kingdom?
9. How are verses 30-32 an encouragement to both the disciples and us?
10. What does verse 34 tell us about the importance of alone time with Jesus? How can we allow him to explain his truths to us?

Rubber hits the road:

- Is there something that you are trying to deal with in your own strength?
- Take some time to ponder the truths of God's Kingdom from these readings and seek his strength, wisdom and sovereignty.

PRAYER

Sovereign Lord, we acknowledge that you are working in ways that we neither know nor understand. We thank you that your Kingdom is a refuge and a true benefit to all who come into its safety. As we diligently seek to shine the light of your gospel in the world around us, we ask that you might continue to use our small offerings and bring great Kingdom growth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

