

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: Mark 4:26-29

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26 He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. 27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. 28 All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. 29 As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

The kingdom of God is all about _____.

1. We can _____, but only God can make the seed _____.

2. Growth may be _____, but it will eventually _____.

Bottom Line: When the seed takes _____, there will be _____.

Life Group Message Discussion Questions

Mark 4:26-29

1. Read Mark 4:26-29. If you've ever tried to grow anything from seed before, what lessons from this process can you relate or apply to what Jesus teaches in this passage?
2. What is our role in spiritual growth? What is God's role? Do you ever think we confuse these roles? In what ways?
3. Why would it be dangerous or detrimental for us to take too much credit in the spiritual growth process?
4. What implications does this parable have on how we are to share our faith with others? What implications does it have on parenting?
5. What are some practical ways that a Christ-follower can "scatter seeds" (God's truths) in others' hearts?
6. Who is someone for whom you have been praying for spiritual growth? How does this parable encourage or challenge you?
7. What encouragement could you give to someone who is growing frustrated about not seeing visible evidence of God's work in another person's life?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 3:6-9, Galatians 6:9, and James 5:7-8. How do these passages help you?