

Bible Study Questions

Hearing the Kingdom of God – Mark 4:21-34

Focus

The kingdom of God often seems hidden, uncertain, and insignificant. And yet, behind the scenes and under the surface, God is bringing tremendous growth, and thus what we need are not eyes to see but ears to hear – that is, we need to humbly hear the Word of God and by faith receive the truth about His growing kingdom.

Read

[Mark 4:21-34](#)

Listen

CCNYC teaching on Mark 4 which can be found on our website

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Some Questions for Study and Reflection

1. How do these shorter parables fit in with what Jesus was teaching at the beginning of this chapter with the longer parable of the soils? What points are similar? What points are different?
2. Revisit verses 21-25 which we looked at last week. Have you gained any new insight into these verses?
3. What is the kingdom of God? (Remember Mark 1:15)
4. What do you learn about the kingdom of God from verses 26-29?
5. What do you learn about the kingdom of God from verses 30-32?
6. How is the sovereignty of God emphasized in these parables?
7. How do verses 33-34 wrap up this section that begins at Mark 4:1? (What does hearing ultimately have to do with the kingdom of God at this time?)

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Closing Reflection and Application

8. How would you have answered Jesus' question in verse 30?

9. Does it surprise you that the kingdom of God is described as being something like farming, and not something more akin to fireworks? What are the implications of that?

10. What concerns do you think people have about the Christian church today?

11. What inspires you in your life to persevere when progress seems painfully slow?

12. In what ways does the kingdom of God currently seem to you to be hidden, uncertain, and/or insignificant?

13. Have you found this passage to be an encouragement to you in that regard? How so?

14. In what ways can appearances be deceiving when it comes to the church and God's kingdom?

15. Reflecting on Sunday's sermon, what does it mean to you that we currently live in the age of the ear, not the age of the eye? How does that impact how you think about Christianity, the church, and God's kingdom?

16. How does it impact your understanding of what God's doing in this world and what it means for your life?