

The Gospel of Mark

Scripture: Mark 4: 21-34

Also: Mark 10:45; Genesis 3:15; Revelation 13:8; John 8:13; Matthew 5:14-16; Revelation 7:9; Philippians 2:10-11

Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
 2. The main point of the sermon was that nothing can stop God's Kingdom, because God is sovereign and in control.
 - Sub points were: Nothing can stop God's Kingdom from being seen, from growing, and from growing larger.
 - Out of these points, several questions logically come up:
 3. Given that nothing can stop God's Kingdom, why does He have us witness (sow seed)?
 - For biblical evidence that we get to be His witnesses, see Matthew 5:14-16; 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 4:29-31; 2 Timothy 1:7-8; 4:5; 1 Peter 2:12, 3:15; Ephesians 6:19-20; Romans 10:14-15; 2 Corinthians 5:20.
 - A few examples of a simple personal testimony of a life changed by Jesus: Luke 8:39; John 9:25
 4. Are you a part of God's Kingdom?
 5. How are you taking part in God's kingdom growing and expanding? When have you seen the most kingdom fruit in your life? The least? Why?
 6. Do you desire the seed, God's Word?
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 7. How is the lamp of your faith in Jesus shining?
 - What "baskets" might be hiding His light? (Fear, inadequacy, complacency, embarrassment, stubbornness of heart, disobedience, etc?)
 - Are you praying for your lost neighbors?
 - Are you inviting your coworkers over to your home for a meal to see God's citizens in action?
 - Are you inviting them to church with you to see a glimpse of God's kingdom as we gather?
 8. Do you trust that no matter how small or weak your witness may seem, God will continue advancing His Kingdom? How does your life show that?
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- ***As you consider those around you, what witness of Jesus activity in your life this week, this month, or this year can you share with someone?***