

Mark 4.26-29

A Parable for Kingdom Growth

Assignment:

- Discuss your application from the last module
- Do the Bible study in a group of 2 or more people and discuss your insights.
- Watch the video https://youtu.be/fXelGb1_pU
- Discuss your findings with someone outside your group.

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Self-Discovery Assignment – In groups of 2 or more read Mark 4:26-29 and discuss the following questions.

What is the main point of the parable for Jesus' disciples? What is needed to expand the kingdom? Record your thoughts here:

Main Point?

What is needed to expand the kingdom? 1.

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6.

Head: What was the main thing you learned from this study?

Heart: How did it impact you?

Hands: Take time to pray and ask Jesus what you should do as a result of the study? Write your Personal Application down.

If you have time, discuss some of the following questions.

Important questions concerning sowers:

- 1) What does a sower do?
- 2) Who is qualified to be a sower?
- 3) How do I equip sowers for the kingdom work?
- 4) How many sowers are presently working in fields where I have committed?
- 5) How does a sower measure success?

Questions concerning the Seed:

- 1) If the seed is the gospel message, what are the essential elements?
- 2) How do I measure right response to the gospel seed?
- 3) What barriers keep my target field from understanding the gospel?
- 4) What medium is most likely to produce fruit within my field?
- 5) ¿La siembra de semillas en masa cumple la tarea?
- 6) What types of follow up are in place?

Questions concerning the Soil:

- 1) Who is my audience?
- 2) How does my target people process information? Make decisions?
- 3) What percentage is literate? How will I present the gospel to illiterates?
- 4) How many homes am I targeting? How many villages or towns?
- 5) How many lost people do I know personally?

6) What barriers exist within their worldview preventing understanding of the gospel message?

Questions concerning the Season:

- 1) Am I committed to the harvest?
- 2) How much time do I designate to checking growth of the seed?

3) What priorities do I have that compete with tracking the harvest? 4) What harvests am I currently tracking?

5) Is the end vision or goal of my ministry a gathering of the harvest?

Questions concerning the Sickle/Harvest:

- 1) What resources exist to help me bring in the harvest?
- 2) How many are ready to swing the sickle within my network/ministry? 3) Who within my ministry can help me mobilize harvesters?
- 4) How does the work of a harvester differ from that of a sower?
- 5) Is my sickle sharp? Am I ready for harvest?

Questions concerning the Spirit of God:

- 1) How many hours in a week's time do I spend listening to God through his Word?
- 2) When was the last time God revealed His plan or timing in my life? How did he do so?
- 3) How would I describe my calling and commission from God?
- 4) How did I learn God's calling?
- 5) How do I test my decisions to ensure God's will and timing?
- 6) What role does the Spirit play?
- 7) Have there been times I mistook God's will or timing in my ministry? How did that happen?

Further Questions for Consideration:

- 1. Which if any of these elements of kingdom expansion are you considering for the first time?
- 2. In what areas of the kingdom stewardship are you gifted to lead?
- 3. What areas must you emphasize to ensure the proper focus within your ministry?

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