

The Unstoppable Kingdom

Mark 4:21-34

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I. The Lamp of God. Mark 4:21-23

1. Jesus is not only the Lamb of God, Jesus is the _____ of God who came to bring and reveal the light of God. **John 1:4-5**
2. Jesus called _____ as representatives to be a light to the world.
3. The Lord lights up the darkness with His Word, His Spirit and you! **Psalm 119:105, Psalm 138:2, Ephesians 5:25**
 - a. Light _____ darkness.
 - b. Light shows a _____ of darkness.

II. Pay attention to the message. Mark 4:24-25

It is so important to be learning and to be taught the _____ counsel of God's Word; as Christ followers, we should desire the solid food of the Word, not simply the milk. **Hebrews 5:12**

- Jesus was calling His followers to be a light; but no one can be a light unto the world without _____ being fed the Word of God.

III. The growing seed. Mark 4:26-29

Our part of growing the Kingdom is to stay surrendered to the Holy Spirit, continue _____ on the pure Word of God, and continue to share the Good News with those who need to hear it.

- Even though it is a mystery how the Lord grows His kingdom, we are blessed to be in a _____ with the Lord to grow it.

IV. The mustard seed. Mark 4:30-34

The mustard seed is symbolic of something _____ and insignificant; in Jewish culture the mustard seed was seen as the smallest unit of measure.

- *"But this mustard seed plant has grown into a _____, and it harbors birds — who in the parables are emissaries of Satan, according to the foundational parable of the soils."* (Guzik)

If church growth becomes more important than _____ doctrine or Biblical discipleship, it is carnal, satanic, and not of the Lord.

V. Practical Application.

The Lord is Sovereign and _____; so when He promises something will happen, it will happen.

- When we hear and believe God's Word, we will allow Jesus to have first place within our lives, and through the Holy Spirit's ministry we will be _____ for whatever He calls us to do.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **Mark 4:21-23**. What point is Jesus making about the lamp? Who is the lamp in this parable? How does the Lord light up the darkness today?
Zachariah 4:2-6, Psalm 119:105, John 1:4-5, John 8:12
2. What kind of actions are like a light in the dark? Is there anything you need to do or anyone you need to tell your faith to? (from studyandobey.com) **Matthew 5:16, Acts 1:8**
3. Read **Mark 4:24-25**. Why is it so important to be aware of what Bible teaching we are receiving?
Psalm 138:2, Ephesians 5:25, 1 Thessalonians 5:21, 2 Timothy 2:15
4. Read **Mark 4:26-29**. What do Christians do in the partnership of growing the Kingdom of God with the Lord?
Isaiah 55:11, Matthew 28:18-20, John 15:5, Galatians 6:9, Ephesians 2:8-10
5. Read **Mark 4:30-34**. Discuss the encouragement and the warning within these verses. Discuss the dangers of church growth using worldly methods.
Daniel 4:10-18, Ezekiel 17:1-15, Acts 2:47
6. Discuss the Practical Applications of this sermon.