



Home Group study: week beginning 29th January 2023

TITLE: Parables – stories to live by: Growing Seed

PASSAGE: Mark 4:26-29

Introduction:

We've just kick started a whole series on Jesus' parables that he told - what is your favourite parable that Jesus told and why?

This week we're looking at the Parable of the Growing Seed.

Do you enjoy gardening? Are you good at keeping plants alive? Have you ever grown vegetables or fruit?

Read: Mark 4:26-29

What does the farmer do in this story?

What doesn't the farmer do in the story?

What do you think Jesus is using 'the farmer and seeds' to represent?

What could you do in your life this week to scatter seeds?

How does it make you feel to know that the message of Christ contains a mysterious power in itself?

Have you ever felt that it's your responsibility to "seal the deal" in convincing someone to come to believe in Jesus? How does this story bring you encouragement?

What was the growth process like for the seed?

What encouragement can believers take from this parable regarding their own spiritual growth?

What do you think the phrase 'the harvest has come' refers?

This parable implies that the God's Kingdom is growing and is producing a harvest? What examples can you see of this in our community, our nation and across the global Kingdom?

What have you learned about your own spiritual walk with God from this parable?

Pray:

- Pray that we would be inspired and encouraged to scatter throughout the week.
- Pray that we would be freed in our activity as we trust in God for growth.
- Pray that we would see a harvest come and pray for family and friends who are particularly on your heart.
- Pray that our church would see more and more people in the community want to 'come & see'.

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