



MORE THAN A STORY: "The Mustard Seed Kingdom"

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Introduction

Jesus spoke often about the Kingdom of God because it was central to His mission. In **Mark 4:30-32**, He compares God's Kingdom to a mustard seed—something that begins small but grows into something far greater than anyone could imagine. Still today, the Kingdom of God is active, as it continues to grow, reaching everyone open to it, and offering refuge through Jesus Christ. Consider how you have seen God's Kingdom at work in your own life and where He may be inviting you to trust Him more.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the Kingdom of God?

Read: John 3:3-6 and Luke 11:20

Jesus taught that God's Kingdom is both a present spiritual reality and a future physical promise.

Discuss:

- Before this message, how would you have defined the Kingdom of God?

- According to John 3:3-6, why is spiritual rebirth necessary to enter God's Kingdom?

- In Luke 11:20, Jesus says His miracles demonstrated that the Kingdom had already arrived. Where do you still see evidence of God's Kingdom at work today?

- Why is it encouraging to know that God's Kingdom is both "already" and "not yet"?

2. The Kingdom Begins Small but Grows Great

Read: Mark 4:30-32

Jesus compares the Kingdom to a mustard seed.

Discuss:

- Why do you think Jesus chose such an ordinary picture to describe something so extraordinary?

- What "small beginnings" has God used in your own spiritual journey?

- Why do we often underestimate what God can do through seemingly insignificant acts of faith?

- Is there an area where you've been tempted to give up because you haven't seen immediate results?

4. The Kingdom Is Far-Reaching

Read: Ezekiel 17:22-24 and Acts 1:8

God's Kingdom extends across every nation, every culture, and every broken life.

Discuss:

- What stands out to you from Ezekiel's prophecy?

- Why do you think God's plan has always included all people?

- The sermon said, "Your past is not worse than His grace is good." Which is easier for you to believe: that God can forgive you or that He can forgive someone else? Why?

- Who in your life needs to experience God's grace?

5. The Kingdom Provides Refuge

Read: Mark 4:32 and Revelation 21:1-4

The birds resting in the branches remind us that God's Kingdom provides shelter, hope, and rest.

Discuss:

- What does "finding refuge in Christ" look like practically?

- What burdens are you carrying that you need to place under God's care?

- Revelation 21 describes a future without pain, sorrow, or death. How does that promise encourage you during difficult seasons?

Memory Verse

"but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade."

Mark 4:32 (NLT)