

Home Group Discussion Guide for From Small Acts A Kingdom Grows; Mark 4:26-34

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group.

If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. What are some examples of 'From Little Things, Big Things Grow' that you notice or amaze you?
2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from the discussion on Sunday?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scriptures: *Mark 4:26-34*

(Read Mark 4:26-29)

1. Jesus is using this parable to help describe the Kingdom of God. What are some of the things we can learn about the Kingdom of God from this imagery?
2. One way that this image speaks to the Kingdom of God is that growth doesn't happen immediately but takes time. Does this affect the way in which we share the Good News of the Kingdom? How?
3. Another way this image speaks to the Kingdom of God is it reminds us that the plant grows regardless of if the one who scattered the seed is awake or sleeping. The plant's growth doesn't rely upon us. How do you respond to this principle and what it tells us about sharing God's Kingdom?

(Read Mark 4:30-34)

4. Jesus shares an image of how His kingdom grows from small seeds. On Sunday, Iain looked at the idea these seeds are small acts of faithfulness. What do these acts look like in your life?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. What is one thing that stands out to you from these parables?
 - a. How will you respond to this idea?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

