

PARABLES

As preached on Sunday, January 14th

Read: Mark 4:21-34

1. In vv.21-23, Jesus provides two teachings. What are they? What do they mean?
2. In vv.26-29, Jesus tells the story of a farmer and a growing seed. What is the point of the story?
3. In vv.30-32, Jesus talks about the mustard seed. Why does he say this seed is significant? Does it matter that what he said isn't botanically true?
4. What do these teachings collectively communicate about the Kingdom of God?
5. In vv.33-34 we read that Jesus "did not say anything to them without using a parable." Why do you think this was? Do you think Mark was exaggerating?
6. What does Jesus' teaching in vv.24-25 mean? How can we actively develop and increase our capacity so that we can experience and participate in the fullness of the Kingdom of God?