

Give What You Have... Get What You Give!

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The lesson continues... Mark 4:21-41

There is no separation or hesitation between this week's passage and last week's message:

- Mark 4:20 (Pastor Kent did a masterful job, with the Spirit's help!)
 - "But those that were sown upon the good soil are the ones who:
 - Hear the word and
 - Accept it and
 - Bear fruit thirtyfold, sixtyfold and a hundredfold



Take your candle... Go light the world!

Jesus again uses a parable, an object lesson to teach a point.

It's like a wrapped present. We need to focus carefully and think about the lesson.

- V.21 Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket? No!
 - Why in the world would you cover a light?
 - If I have (know) this truth, how to use it?



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- V.22: “For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light”
 - “We are carrying a glory to be revealed... not a secret to be hidden!” Pastor Jim Bartholomew
 - In explaining our annual theme: “Christ in you the hope of glory”



Can you hear me now?

- V.23: “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”
 - Another translation:
 - ... let him “see” what he “hears”.
 - Stereogram:
 - “a diagram or computer-generated image giving a three-dimensional representation of a solid object or surface.”





Bring a big basket!

- V.24-25: “...the measure you use, it will be measured to you”
 - Our "measure" consists of our time, attention, and submission to Jesus' words.
 - personal devotions
 - church/worship/prayer attendance
 - intentional application of Scripture in our lives are parts of a “large measure”.
 - The more we ask for, the more the Holy Spirit will work in our lives.



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- READ-
 - You must find the time to be in the Word...
Plant!
- RESEARCH-
 - Dig in, consult a resource, and learn- germinate!
- REFLECT-
 - What is the Holy Spirit teaching you? grow...

RESPOND!- What are you going to do? BEAR FRUIT!



Parable of the growing seed

- V.26-29: “the Kingdom of God is like...”
 - The phrase means any place, situation or moment where the sovereignty and power of God is evident. Justice, kindness, forgiveness, love—whenever qualities of God are on display, God's “kingdom” is present.
 - We “sow generously” these qualities, but God himself brings the harvest!
 - We are not the only one’s sowing: Matt 13:24-30



Parable of the mustard seed

- V.30-32: “the Kingdom of God is like...”
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSB_At4H8kA
- “I don’t have much... What can I do?”
 - Sorry-- No excuse.
 - Give what you have;
 - you will receive what you give and more!



Parable of the growing seed

- The Mustard seed goal sheet:
 - A tool to assist you in setting and accomplishing small goals everyday of a month.
 - Take inventory of what you would like to try to do everyday. Example: Read Bible and pray for 15-20 min.
 - Exponential growth! Will you put this kingdom principle into practice?



Who is this, that even the wind and sea obey him?

- V.35-41
 - Real life will happen, and Jesus will show up!
 - Do you doubt me? Watch and see...
 - Pray for the increase and be alert to watch him!
- Psalm 107:23-30
 - “He brought them to their desired haven...”

He is the King of Glory!

Prayer Family this Week

Eli House Medical Mission Trip

