

**The Mystery Form of the Kingdom**  
**Mark 4:30-34**  
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Three truths about Christ's kingdom:

**1. The small size of Christ's kingdom at its beginning (30-31)**

**2. The great growth of Christ's kingdom (32a)**

**3. The inclusion of Gentile nations in Christ's kingdom (32b-34)**

*Next week:* Mark 4:35-41

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## Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. This parable is about “the kingdom of God” (verse 30). Whom has God appointed as the king of this kingdom?
3. What is the point of this parable?
4. How small was Christ’s kingdom at its beginning?
5. How does Christ’s kingdom grow?
6. How does Christ’s kingdom, as presented in this parable, compare to the kingdoms of this world?
7. How does a person enter Christ’s kingdom?

### Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. In the parable, the mustard plant “puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” Is this just part of the story, or is Jesus teaching something with these words? If Jesus is teaching something, what is He teaching here? How do we know?
3. What makes Christ’s kingdom to grow in the way described in this passage?
4. How much are you investing your life in the kingdom that is destined to succeed, compared to how much you are investing your life in things that will not succeed in the end? Explain.
5. How should this parable affect your day-to-day perspective on life?
6. What is the number one way you should apply this sermon this week?