

## Kingdom Parables

Mark 4:21-34

1. Let Your Light \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 21-23)
  - a. The \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_ revealed in parables
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ Himself
  - b. The hidden to be \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. Cryptic and \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. Jesus & Kingdom “\_\_\_\_\_” to be revealed
2. Set \_\_\_\_\_ Goals for the Gospel (v. 24-25)
  - a. Principle of \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. Positive: \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Call to \_\_\_\_\_ on the Word’s transforming truths
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Will Bring the Harvest (v. 26-29)
  - a. True sense of mystery: \_\_\_\_\_ does God do it?
  - b. Farmer analogy
    - i. In real life – farmer is not \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. In real life – farmer does not \_\_\_\_\_ growth
  - c. Good soil “\_\_\_\_\_” bears fruit
  - d. Farmer still \_\_\_\_\_ the crop
4. Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ the Kingdom (v. 30-34)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ annual in vegetable garden
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ of God unleashed
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_ power
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ power
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ unleashes the Word’s power
    - i. As they were \_\_\_\_\_ to hear it
    - ii. With \_\_\_\_\_ instruction

*“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”*

Matthew 5:15-16

*“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.”*

Matthew 10:26

*“For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.”*

Matthew 7:2

*He said therefore, What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.”*

Luke 13:18-19

*Let the nations stir themselves up and come to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Go in, tread, for the winepress is full. The vats overflow for their evil is great. Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.*

Joel 3:12-14

**Are you hiding the light under your bed?** The Word of God is not meant to be hidden away but shared with others. You may not be a great evangelist or have the spiritual gifts of one, but how are you sharing the Kingdom? By your works (Matthew 5:16) or by private or public instruction or testimony?

**Do you underestimate the Kingdom?** Sometimes it’s hard to see what is going on with the planted seed Do you really believe that God’s Word is transformational? That His Kingdom will grow?