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**The Kingdom of God Explained**

Mark 4:21-34

**Key Truth:** God is at work **growing** and **expanding** His kingdom in the world today.

**It All Starts With Your Hearing:**

1. The Kingdom of God is **manifested** through Jesus Christ.

2. How we **hear** the Word of God will determine the **direction**

 of our faith.

3. If we **reflect** and **understand** Jesus’ teaching, more

 knowledge and insight will be given.

4. If we **reject** Jesus’ teaching, we gain nothing and lose what

 was sown in our hearts.

**The Kingdom of God Has Experienced Supernatural Growth And Influence:**

1. Christians are **called** to spread the Word of God and **entrust**

 the results to Him.

**What We Can Learn:**

1. God wants **everyone** to know the truth.

 A. If your heart is open to receive the truth God will reveal

 **more** of Himself to you.

 B. If your heart is **closed** to the truth, God wont **force** Himself

 on you.

2. There will be some who won’t **listen** and some who won’t

 **last**.

3. The Kingdom of God is **growing** even when we can’t **see** it.

4. God uses **small** things to produce **great** things.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Pay attention to how you listen to the Word of God. Serve Jesus every day, trust in Him, and be sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s guidance.

**CONNECTION GROUP HOMEWORK**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Do you ever feel unfit to serve God? Despite any “inexperience” in ministry, in what ways has God encouraged you to serve?

How could Matthew 5:13-16 be an encouragement to be more intentional in talking to others about Jesus?

Read Galatians 6:9-10: Do you ever get discouraged when you see little or no evidence of God at work? What are some ways to be encouraged? What specific Scripture encourages you?

Read Matthew 17:19-21: Do you have a hard time believing Jesus’ statement? Explain.

Why do think we are tempted to place limitations on God’s kingdom, His kingship, or His activity in the world?

Read Proverbs 3:5-6: Is there an area in your life where you struggle to believe God really is in charge?

Where might you need to demonstrate an attitude of patience toward God’s kingdom? What about an attitude of confidence? Comfort?

Read Mark 4:30-32: How does the mustard seed parable challenge your view of God’s kingdom? How does it challenge your identity and growth?

What are some ways you have seen God’s kingdom grow from small beginnings, such as a relationship with someone or a seemingly insignificant event?