

Sermon Discussion Guide

Kingdom Stories

Mark 4:21–34

The lamp and the measure (21–25)

John 8:12; Isa. 49:6

- What does the lamp represent?
- What warning do we find in these verses about not responding to God’s Word in faith and obedience? What promise do we find for those who do respond in faith and obedience?

The growing seed (26–29)

Isa. 55:10–11; 1 Cor. 3:5–7

- How does the parable demonstrate that the growth of God’s kingdom doesn’t depend on human effort?
- How does the parable demonstrate that the growth of God’s kingdom is certain?
- In what areas of your life and ministry to others do you need to trust God to grow his kingdom?

The mustard seed (30–32)

Dan. 4:19–27; Ezek. 17:22–24; 31:6; Rev. 11:15–18

- What does this parable emphasize about the nature of God’s kingdom?
- How does this parable encourage you about the future of God’s kingdom?