

- b. How much time do you spend hiding God's Word in my heart so that it can come to light when it is needed?
 - c. How are you specifically using the knowledge and understanding given to you through the study of Mark to show Christ to others?
3. Review Mark 4: 26 - 29 (God's Word will sprout, grow and produce a harvest in due time.)
- a. How are you fulfilling Christ's commands to sow the seed of God's word?
 - b. Where are you relying more on yourself than on the inherent Word of God to change lives??
 - c. How much time do spend with Christ so that you are sensitive to the time for harvest?
4. Review Mark 4 : 30 - 34 (Small hidden beginnings can have tremendous growth and bless many when God's power is within them.)
- a. What small thing is Jesus entrusting to your care now?
 - b. How available are you for God's use in the growth of his kingdom?
 - c. Will you begin now to ask God daily to explain His Word to you?



First Day: Review your notes from Mark 2:23-3:34

1. What stood out to you from the sermon that you found helpful?
2. Did the Holy Spirit convict you to make any changes in your life?

Second Day: Read Mark 4:1-20

1. Read Mark 4:9. Isaiah 6: 9-10. 43:8. and 44:18. What does it mean to have ears that hear?
2. Read Mark 4: 10-12 and Isaiah 6:9-10 Describe the difference between the disciples response to the parable and the crowd's response.
3. Who does the sower represent? What do the different soils represent?
4. What keeps the different soils from receiving the Word? What is different about the good soil?
5. Considering that a normal harvest offers a yield of five to fifteen-fold, what do the results of thirty to a hundred-fold indicate to you?

Third Day: Read Mark 4:21-4:25

1. Read Matt 5:14-16 and Luke 8:16. What does the lamp in these passages symbolize?
2. What types of hidden things does God's light illuminate?
3. In verses 24-25, What will be added and what will be taken away? Consult Matthew 7:2. and Luke 6:38 for a better understanding of measure. And consult Matthew 25:29, Luke 8:16-18, and Luke 12:41-48 for similar teaching of Jesus.

Fourth Day: Read Mark 4:26-29

1. What is this parable describing?
2. What two things does the man do in this parable and what happens automatically.
3. Does the Kingdom of God come suddenly all at once or does it grow inconspicuously, slowly, and steadily?
4. Does verse 29 encourage you. How so?

Fifth Day: Read Mark 4:30-34

1. The mustard seed was the smallest known seed in ancient Israel, but could produce a bush as large as .9 meters by 3.7 meters. What does the metaphor in this parable emphasize?

2. Does the picture of the birds nesting in the mustard trees shade symbolize anything? (Consult Psalm 91:1-2, and Ezekiel 17:22-24 for other Biblical pictures of shade.)
3. In verse 34, What do you think "as they were able to hear it" means?
4. Why did Jesus explain everything privately to his disciples, but not publicly to everyone?
5. Re-read Mark 4: 13, and Mark 4:34. What do these two verses together reveal about Jesus' character and teaching ministry to his disciples?

Sixth Day: Review Mark 4:1-34

1. Review Mark 4:1 -20 (The soil's quality determines the seed's future.)
 - a. What opportunities do you have to sow the seed of God's Word today?
 - b. Do you pray for the quality of the soil around you or are you more concerned with with your sowing technique?
 - c. What circumstances in your life is God using to cultivate the soil in your heart so that you can receive new truth.
2. Review Mark 4:21-25 (Everyone is responsible to use what God has given him)
 - a. What in your life needs to be brought out into the open?

