

## KINGDOM LIFE (Mark 4:21-34)

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**TEXT—Mark 4:21-34**

**MAIN IDEA—Life in the Kingdom of God is about fruitfulness.**

**John 15:5**

**WITNESS (Mk. 4:21-23)**—The fruitful disciple of Jesus is marked by a life that witnesses for Jesus. Christ is the true light who reveals the nature and Kingdom of God to a lost world.

\*Christ's light is in every Christian by the Spirit giving us a heart of repentance from sin and faith in Jesus as we hear the Gospel. The beauty of Christ which used to *be hidden* is *revealed* and the Christian is *given ears to hear* and faith to believe in Christ.

**Col. 1:27-28**

**WORK (Mk. 4:24-25)**—The fruitful disciple of Jesus faithfully works to apply himself in the things of God and receives spiritual blessings in proportion to the effort he gives.

**Jas. 1:21-25**

**Warren Wiersbe (1929-2019)**—*The Apostles were like that lamp: they were called to shed God's light and reveal His truth. But they could not 'give out' without first 'taking in'; hence, the admonition of Mark 4:24-25. The more we hear the Word of God, the better we are able to share it with others. The moment we think we know it all, what we think we know will be taken from us.*

**WAIT (Mk. 4:26-29)**—The fruitful disciple of Christ consistently waits on God to fulfill His promises. Jesus calls His people to fruitfulness, but we must trust His process and remember our fruitfulness is ultimately dependent on His grace.

**2 Cor. 4:5-6; Is. 55:10-11**

**John 15:1-11**

**WALK(Mk.4:30-34)**—The fruitful disciple of Christ is marked by a life of walking by faith in an unstoppable God who rules over an unstoppable Kingdom.

\*The point is the Kingdom of God (v30), like the mustard seed, starts small & seems insignificant, but eventually grows into something great & powerful.

> Here are 3 clear truths about the kingdom of God.  
the Kingdom of God begins small.

\*First,

**Is.53:2**

\*The kingdom of God grows gradually.

**Acts 1:8**

\*The kingdom of God grows to dominance.

**Rev. 11:15**

**1 Cor. 15:57-58**