

The Mystery of Faith

Mark 4:26-29

August 20th, 2025

Theme: The kingdom of God grows through the means of sharing the Word of God, exclusively through the power of God.

In this agricultural parable, Christ illustrates three phases of the growth of his spiritual kingdom, which teach us of the mysterious sovereignty of God in salvation:

I. Phase I: Casting the Seed (vs. 26)

II. Phase II: Growing the Wheat (vs. 27-28)

III. Phase III: Harvesting the Crops (vs. 29)

Small Group Questions

1. What does the seed in this parable represent (see Mark 4:14)? What does this teach us about the role and preeminence of the Word of God in salvation? Who receives the glory in the salvation of the lost?
2. Have you been faithful to sow the word of God through evangelism in your sphere of influence (i.e. family, neighborhood, classmates, coworkers, community)? Who ought you have spiritual or evangelistic discussion with this week? Is there another way that people can come to the Lord, if you choose not to share the gospel (see Romans 10:11-15 & Matthew 9:35-38)?
3. Have you seen this progression the work of God's word take time, even many years, in the lives of a friend or family member? While we cannot cause true saving faith in the life of another person, what has the Lord given us to do in the meantime, for those that we long to see saved?