

March 15, 2026 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

“The Secret Power of the Seed” – Mark 4:21-34

1. Jesus describes the Kingdom growing "he knows not how" (v. 27). In a culture that prizes "life hacks," "maxxing techniques," and "measurable goals," why is the organic, mysterious nature of the Kingdom's growth so frustrating to us?
2. One example used was the "life-draining cycle" of trying to buy or force a sense of control when life feels stagnant. Can you identify a specific area in your life right now where you are tempted to "paint the leaves" of a situation rather than trusting God with the growth?
3. Why does the hiddenness of God's work often feel like the *absence* of God's work? How does the "Mustard Seed" principle (v. 31) challenge the way you measure success in your parenting, your career, or your ministry?
4. Look at the life of Jesus before His public ministry. He spent 30 years in "hiddenness" as a carpenter. How does Jesus' willingness to wait on the Father's timetable act as a comfort to you in your current "quiet season"?
5. How does viewing the cross and the grave of Jesus as a "seed planted in the earth" change the way you look at the "deaths" or "burials" you are experiencing in your own life (e.g., a lost dream, a broken relationship, a failed project)?
6. What is the difference between "striving *for* growth" to prove your worth (the Orphan Way) and "striving *from* a position of rest" because you are already loved (Adopted as Sons and Daughters)? How does "Active Dependence" look different from "Passive Laziness" in your daily routine?
7. Jesus says the Kingdom becomes a tree where birds find rest (v. 32). In light of this, how can our church or our small group become a place of "shade" for others who are exhausted by the world's "headlines" and "striving"?