

Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:1-21 & Mark 4:1-20; 26-34
Singing: 283:1, 3 – 68:1-2 – 251:1-3 – 428:7, 8 – 319:1-3

The Kingdom of God will grow in you like a plant grows from a seed

I. You will not know *how* He grows His Kingdom in you

A. The parable explained:

1. Farmer:

2. Field:

3. Seed: Ps. 147:19-20; Col. 3: 16; Gal. 6:9

4. Growth:

B. The 'how of this growth' is God's realm

1. *How* is a mystery

2. *What* is visible: *blade – ear – full corn* (Matt. 5:3-9)

II. You will not all experience the growth of His kingdom in the same way

A. In the kingdom of nature, seeds spring up in vastly different manners

B. In the Kingdom of God, God brings people in different ways into His Kingdom

1. The (uncommon) sudden conversion

2. The (uncommon) terror-filled conversion

3. The (less common) sweet conversion

4. The (more common) quiet conversion

5. The (most common) gradual conversion

Reflect:

A. Focus not too much on *manner* of your spiritual birth but on *new life born*

B. Remember Jesus' encouragement in Phil. 1:6

Hello children,

1. Before we start, what Bible book will we read from? _____
2. As you hear Mark 4, count *how many* parable he reads in Mark 4? _____
3. Fill in: All the in Mark 4 parables are connected to _____ of God.
4. Can you finish this sentence? *The Kingdom of God will grow in you like a* _____.
5. Jesus spoke about people who sow seeds in your heart. He is the best Sower. Can you think of who else sow seed in your heart? (Hint: It is not only good people that are sowing seed in your mind!) _____

6. Where and when does Jesus sow seeds in your mind? _____
7. A farmer cannot make a seed grow. Likewise you and I cannot make God's Kingdom grow in our heart. Does that mean you just don't do anything with the seed? Or are there things God expects you to do with His seed? _____

8. True or False:
 God does not save everyone in the same way.
 When God saves you, His Kingdom will be in you.
 By the fruits of His work in you will you know you are saved.
 One fruit is that
 never sin again
 and never long for
 any sin.
9. What will you pray for
 once you come home?

