

## Sermon Notes | Participate in the Kingdom - Mark 4:30-32

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"And he said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'"

What is the Kingdom of God?

- Where God rules and reigns in the human heart.
- Where His presence, love, justice, and mercy are evident in the world.

How does the Kingdom grow?

- Individually — one heart at a time, citizen by citizen.
- Surprisingly — taking unexpected territory.

Where is my place in the Kingdom?

- Be a citizen.
- Be an ambassador.
- Be a disciple maker.

### 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

"All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

**Big Idea: God wants you to participate in His growing Kingdom.**

## Discussion Guide | Participate in the Kingdom - Mark 4:30–32

### **Read Mark 4:30–32**

- What does the kingdom of God mean to you?
- How confident are you that His kingdom is continuing to grow?
- In what ways does God's kingdom grow?
- What obstacles keep you from participating in building God's kingdom?
- What are two practical things you could do this week to join in God's growing kingdom?