

*The* MUSTARD SEED

MARK 4:30-34

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- Read *Mark 4:30-34*. Why do you think Jesus tells this parable?
- What type of plant was mustard for Jesus' original audience? How might this influence the way they heard and interpreted this parable?
- How are a mustard seed and a mustard plant both common and yet extraordinary? What might this reveal about God's kingdom?
- How do we often expect the kingdom of God to come or be present in ways that are very *unlike* a mustard seed? How does Jesus' parable correct our potentially errant understandings and expectations?
- How might Jesus' first disciples have found this parable of God's kingdom to be encouraging? How do you find it to be similarly so?
- Where do you long to see the kingdom of God grow in our world? In our community? What would God's kingdom look like there when fully grown?
- How can you look for, pray for, and work for the "mustard seed" kingdom of God this week? How can your small group or others pray for you and support you in this?

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