

# SERMON NOTES

**TELL ME ABOUT HIS PARABLES: A MAN & A MUSTARD SEED**

**Mark 4:26-34**



**BIG IDEA:** The kingdom of God grows by His power, not ours, and although it began small, it grows exponentially.

# APPLICATION GUIDE

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## DISCUSS

Can you think of a time in your life when something that started small ended up having a big impact? (This could be a decision, a relationship, a conversation, or even a small act of obedience.)

What does the parable of the growing seed (vv. 26-29) teach us about God's role versus our role in the advancement of His kingdom?

In the parable of the mustard seed (vv. 30-32), what stands out to you about the way the kingdom of God grows and who it includes?

Why did Jesus speak in parables according to verses 33-34, and how should that shape the way we listen to God's Word today?

## APPLY

Where in your life might God be doing something significant through a small or unnoticed beginning?

How do you respond when you don't see immediate results from your faithfulness? Are you tempted to give up? Why or why not?

What would change in your attitude or actions if you truly believed that God is growing His kingdom—even when you can't see it?

## COMMIT

Read Zechariah 4:6-10. What does this passage reveal about how God accomplishes His work? How does the phrase "Do not despise the day of small things" relate to Jesus' parables in Mark 4:26-34?

Pray this at the beginning of each day this week: *"Lord, I will not despise the day of small things. I will trust Your power to grow what You plant."*