

The Parable of the Growing Seed—[Mark 4:26–29](#)

Topics:

Gospel, Growth, Kingdom of God/Heaven, Power, Productivity

Open It

1. What short phrase or cliché would you use to describe this country?
2. What experiences have you had with growing plants from seeds?
3. *What does it take for plants to grow, and where do you get the things you need?

Explore It

1. What did Jesus want the people to understand about the kingdom of God? ([4:26](#))
2. What role did the man in the parable play? ([4:26–27](#))
3. *What do the man and the seed in the parable represent? ([4:26–29](#))
4. What does this parable reveal about Jesus' concerns? ([4:26–29](#))
5. How did the seed in the parable sprout and grow? ([4:27](#))
6. What was the growth process like for the seed? ([4:28](#))
7. How did the seed grow? ([4:28](#))

8. *How did the man get the seed to grow? ([4:28](#))
9. At what point did the man get involved in the plant's growth after he planted it? ([4:29](#))
10. *To what does the phrase "the harvest is come" refer? ([4:29](#))

Get It

1. Why do you think Jesus told parables to explain the kingdom of God to the crowds of people?
2. The Jews of Jesus' day expected God's kingdom to come physically and politically. How does this compare with the description Jesus gave in this parable?
3. What encouragement can believers glean from this parable regarding their own spiritual growth?
4. *How does this parable help you better understand what the kingdom of God is like?
5. How does it make you feel to know that the message of Christ contains a mysterious power in itself?
6. *How does the message of this parable help believers evangelize and teach?
7. What should our response be to the fact that one day "the harvest will come"?
8. What have you learned about your own spiritual walk with the Lord from this parable?

9. What can you do in your life, and in the lives of others, to create conditions where the Word of God will grow?

Apply It

1. *What specific steps can you take to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to change others when you tell them about Christ?
2. What is one way you can spread God's Word this week to help God's kingdom grow?