



DIGGING DEEPER

Mark 4v21-34 – Consider carefully what you hear

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GETTING STARTED

Chat about a Sunday service and where God's word is present...

Talk about the connection between God's word and God's Kingdom in Mark Ch 4...

1) THE PROMINENCE OF GOD'S WORD (v21-25)

Who or what is the lamp? In what sense was the lamp hidden then and in what sense is the lamp still hidden now?

Whose job is it to put the lamp on its stand? Is it God's work, our work or both?

What is Jesus getting at in v24-25 and what does it look like in practice to 'use' the word of God?

2) THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD (v26-34)

...despite our weakness (v25-26)

What has a sleeping farmer got to do with a growing seed?

How does that challenge you and encourage you?

...despite delay (v28-29)

The coming of God's kingdom is both slow and sudden – discuss...

How do both realities encourage you in your ministry to others?

...despite seeming small and insignificant (v30-32)

Why is the parable of the mustard seed known as a parable of contrast?

What does Jesus want us to understand about his Kingdom? If you want to think further about the image have a look at Daniel chapter 4...

How does that encourage you as you look backwards and forward?

Meditate on the words of Peter below...

1 Peter 1v23: For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.