

SOW WHAT? Sowing seeds to Grow the Kingdom of God.

KNOW...GROW...GO

Mark 4:30-32 (NASB)

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Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

Natural Plan – (Gen. 1:11, 1:28, 8:22)

Spiritual Plan – (Gen. 3:14-15)

I. GOD'S DESIGN OF THE SEED.

- a. Seed multiplies – (Gen 1:11)
- b. God *controls* the seed.
- c. Seeds only reproduce *their kind*. (Gen 3)

II. God's Plan OF Salvation

- a. Adam sin and the cursed seed.
 - i. Adam and Eve's sin caused God's curse on his/her seed and the earth. Death was imputed to us. (Gen. 3:19; Ps. 51:5; Rom. 5:15)
- b. God's Promise to Abraham and His Seed.
 - i. Physical Promise – "And the Lord appeared to Abram and said, 'To your descendants I will give this land.' So he built an altar there to the Lord who had appeared to him." (Gen 12:7)
 - ii. Spiritual promise - "for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever." (Gen 13:15; Acts 4:10-12; Gal. 3:16).
- c. Jesus is the true seed
 - i. Jesus is the **promised seed**. (Gal. 3:16)
 - ii. Jesus **planted**. (John 12:24-25)
 - iii. Jesus **rose again**.
 - iv. Jesus **multiplied**. (John. 12:32, 15:5; Matt. 28:19; Cor. 15:36; Acts 1:8, 2:41)
- d. To grow the kingdom of God, we must sow spiritual seeds.

- i. We must open our whole hearts to the Word of God. (Ps. 1:1-13; John 1:14; 1 Peter 1:23)
- ii. We must share God's word with others.
 1. Parable of the Sower (Matt 13)
 - a. Seed scattered indiscriminately. No respecter of person.
 - b. Soil represents "hearts" – stony ground; thorny ground; wayside; good ground.
 - c. Different hearts cause different outcomes.
 - d. God causes the growth, not us (1 Cor. 3:5)
- iii. We sow seeds of righteousness. (Gal. 5:22-23, 6:7-8; Matt. 13:24-30; 1 Peter 3:8-9)
- iv. We must sow seeds of generosity. (2 Cor. 9:6-8)